

Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 11:03 AM
To: Sims, Bradd G - DNR
Cc: Docherty, Pat
Subject: SW-WI Report and Thanks

Hello Bradd:

Home yesterday (9/26) afternoon. Now to adjust to reality.

Good trip. Pat and I caught 350-400. Nearly all Browns as you know. I had 7 Brook, Pat a few, including a pretty 13" male in spawning colors at Big Spring, and he got one Rainbow. Typical fish 8-10" with a number going to ~13", a few 14"; biggest 16" for me and 17" Pat. Pat lost a bigger fish.

Put in time on Green, Blue, Knapps, Crooked, Big Spring, Castle Rock.

Green far better for us than any other.

Green was getting attention from a number of fishermen; lots of IL tags.

Had a good day on Knapps.

Worst was Castle Rock, but we probably didn't give it enough work. on a bright afternoon.

Wish we had gotten back to Blue a little farther downstream.

Crooked was about as tough as it gets, I managed to land 9 from the multitude seen.

Broken fly rod at truck when wind blew rod from hood to behind open door when a friendly passer-by stopped to talk. So I'll remember Crooked.

Pat said he had the best session of dry fly fishing ever one evening on the Green and he similarly remarked about a good session there with nymphs.

Nymphs were the best producer overall for me. In my '09 and '11 June experiences, terrestrials were good, catching almost all the fish.

Sorry we didn't make the TU event at Blue. We couldn't pull away from fishing. We heard from fishermen that you were there.

Pat and I are TU life members. When you have occasion, please let the TU folks and landowners know we truly appreciate the habitat work which has been done and the landowner-sportsmen cooperation.

Virtually all the people we met off and on stream were openly friendly.

A bonus was driving thru the countryside; what gamey looking habitat. The turkey hunter in me was hard to contain. We saw 4 flocks. Pat saw a big buck as we were leaving Knapps. No other deer seen except on the last evening, 9/24, taking Rt 133 from Green to Boscobel, when there were lots of them in fields.

Thank you very much. The info you provided on the phone, the maps and genuine interest in us having a rewarding experience were key to using time efficiently and in overall enjoyment of the SW WI experience.

Lord willing, WV license tags will be seen along SW-WI trout streams in the future.

Jerry