

"Mid October on the Current River"

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It was a sunny day after a week of rain. I was expecting the river to be up a little and cloudy so I could throw some streamers. I was very surprised to find the river clear and normal. I arrived about 10:00, just in time for the tiny olives or so I thought. They were hatching when I got there but to my surprise there weren't very many. I saw a couple of fishermen in the stream and eased slowly down to them. I asked them if the olives had already hatched and they told me no, but that they really came off yesterday. Yesterday was a cold, rainy day - I guess the old saying about it being a baetis type day is correct. I went up stream and found a nice brown in about 18 inches of water. I tied on an orange and gray soffhackle. The first cast was short, the second cast was closer, but not close enough. The third cast was on the money and he took it. A great fighter, he took me down stream about 20 yards and headed for a tree in the water. I waded quickly to the other side of the stream and turned him back to the middle. We were headed downstream toward the two fishermen I had just talked to. I finally got his head

up and netted him. They were nice enough to take a couple of pictures and I released him. He was about 18 inches



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I walked downstream about a quarter mile and found another nice brown but this time there wasn't anyone to take the picture, so I laid him on the net and took it myself. He measured 19 inches. It wasn't too long after I netted this one that I got into a bigger brown. This guy must have been caught earlier today, because he just didn't have the fight he should have for his size. I netted him, measured him and was getting ready to take a picture when he suddenly had a burst of energy and swam out of the net. He would be the biggest fish of the day at 22".

I decided to take a break and fish another section of the river,,,,,,Ray King just gave up a homerun....sorry I'm watching the Cardinals and Astros in the first game of the NLS. Back to the river. I fished one of my favorite holes in the afternoon and managed to net some nice browns and one beautiful rainbow. I took some more pictures and let them go. I ended up taking 4 pictures of the rainbow, because it was so beautiful. This is a 16" fish that I caught about a month ago and didn't have my camera with me. I did however get to see this fish again, one week ago when I helped the MDC with an electro-shock survey they were doing on the Current River. **CARDINALS WIN GAME 1** The following pictures were taken late this afternoon.



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Hatches? Tiny Olives #22 mid morning, small tan caddis #20-18 evening, Miller #12 at dusk.