

SURPRISE

I was fishing last week and accidentally hooked a fishing line in the river that was hanging from a tree. When I lifted the rod my fly was hooked to the line. At the end of the line was a blob of something that looked like a mass of leaves. I waded out into the stream to retrieve my fly and was amazed to find the blob to be a bat. Apparently the bat had flown into the fishing line hanging from the tree and got tangled up. I thought to myself that this would be a good photo to post on line so that people can see what happens when you leave fishing line hanging in the trees. I took about 4 or 5 shots and then the bat opened its mouth. I thought for sure that this guy was dead from being in the water, but it wasn't. I tried to pull the line out of the tree, but the bare hook was stuck in the limb. I reached up as far as I could and cut the line.



I carried the bat over to the bank and cut the line off of the wings, the feet and around its neck. It laid on the warm flat rock and started to move a little more each time I cut more line away.



When all the line was cut away I carried it over to a tree.



The bat started climbing the tree until it got up about 10 ft.



It stayed there for a long time recuperating so I left it alone.

On another entry I made in my Outings Page you will see the result of a Kingfisher getting caught up in fishing line left in a tree hanging over the stream.. NOT pretty !



FREE AT LAST !!!

A client accidentally hooked this stringer, when he set the hook on a trout taking his dry fly. The trout was released and praised for its fortitude.



Sometimes you don't catch the fish you are after, and occasionally you are pleasantly surprised and rewarded with an Ozark Tropical colored Longear sunfish.

“A Bad Day Fishing Is Still A Great Day”