



Spring Fly Fishing Report May 1, 2011

Our shop has moved! It will be in the lower level of the lodge next to Rudy's. We will be open on Saturdays and Sundays April 1 – May 8 from 9:00-3:00, so stop on by and share a fishing story with PJ or Eric.

*****Also of note. Because of the threat of invasive species such as dydimo and whirling disease, Maryland has now banned felt sole wading boots. *****

We have new sticky rubber wading boots with removable studs in stock.

Currently, the smaller “brook trout” streams are running at terrific levels and the fishing has been really good during the last couple of weeks of warm weather. Quill Gordons, Hendricksons, and Grannom Caddis are making up the bulk of the hatches. Look for good action early in the morning and then later in the afternoon through the evening hours. The Grannoms will start emerging around 2 or 3 pm every day. March browns will start up here in a couple of weeks too, so it's time to get on the water!

Upper Savage: The flow is good right now. It has been stocked with nice size rainbows and of course there are plenty of native brookies to have fun with. The mayflies are here, so get your Parachute Adams ready. Expect to see Quill Gordons for a bit longer along with the Hendrickson hatch which has gotten under way recently and the Grannom Caddis.

Lower Savage: The lower river is running high still, and will be for at least the next week. Once the levels come down a bit, look for great Hendrickson action, especially later in the afternoon into evening.

Upper North Branch Potomac: The water level is high here too, but will come down quickly once drier weather finds us. Fishing Woolly Buggers or a double Nymph rig this time of year is going to be the most productive. Both the Lostlands and Wallman access areas have been stocked. Delayed harvest reg's apply here, so it's catch and release until mid June.

Lower North Branch Potomac: Still blown out. It won't be fishable here for at least another week, probably longer.

Casselman: The fishing is good on the Casselman. The flows have come up a bit with the recent rain, but will drop quickly over the next few days once the rain gets out of here. It is stocked with some solid brown and rainbow trout. It's a delayed harvest stream, so C&R your fish until mid June. Quill Gordons, Grannom Caddis, and Hendrickson/Red Quills will be the dominant hatches. Look for the Grannom hatch to start around 2 or 3 pm and continue on for a few solid hours.

The Yough: The Yough is running high also. It's going to take a while for it to come back down. Give it a week or so. The Grannoms are here in big numbers. Hopefully they will still be around once the flows get down to a fishable level.

Go to www.wispresort.com for links to water levels, Garrett County weather, photos, hatch charts and more or give us a call in the shop @ 301.387.4000 ext 2116.

Tight Lines,
PJ