

Fabulous N2 Lake

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We had a good pour of rain about 2 weeks ago - enough to get me thinking about summer steelhead. So while you guys were having a club luncheon I raced up to my favorite spot and went fishing. There was less flow than I had hoped, but there were some fish around the tailout of the lake. I lost one and had another chase and thought I had spooked the spot. But I set my Safari underwater camera down anyway in knee deep water, and left it running. When I viewed the video later I saw at least 8 beauty metalheads flash past the camera in the first two minutes. Then a couple came back and posed right in front of the lens. Camera hogs!



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While that was going on I went back out on the lake and caught one of the fish I had just filmed underwater! Unfortunately, I had accidentally smeared goo all over the lens just before the fish bit, so the video was ruined. Even more unfortunate, while I was posing for that pic, an immaculate catch & release on homemade tiny hook spinner, I dropped my rod and reel overboard.



So I had to go back a few days later and look for my rod, and I asked Bruce Murray if he wanted to come along. The fish were still there. We watched a number of them jump the falls, but Bruce could not get bit there.



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I shot a nice underwater clip of a chromer metalhead from 15-20 feet down in the lake.



There was another burst of action in the morning. Neither of us was able to get bit on a pure fly, but I got into some nice fish on spinners and ultralite spin rod.



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Later in the evening I switched to flyrod, even if I did have to shame myself by putting a tiny spinner in front of the fly. And I was able to land my first ironhead ever on fly rod and fly reel.



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A way cool way to spend a hot summer day!