

Highway 24 Fishing Trip June 11-20th

As recorded by Jason Perry

We arrived at Latremoille Lake in the afternoon of June 11th après stopping at the fly shop in Little Fort to check out local flies and lies. Found out that the high country lakes we were heading for were producing well on chironmid larvae flies mostly as the hatches had not started yet....had to go to the other (west) end of highway 24 around (100 mi House) as hatches had started at these lower elevation lakes, so the BS goes.

We set up camp and went fishing first on Latremoille, then Lynn Lake the next day and then Janice on the third day. The weather during these three days was overcast and periods of “down pour rain” which kept the bugs down. Fishing was slowish at Latremoille, reasonable at Lynn with the side benefit of catching both rainbows and eastern brookies and over whelming hot hot at Janice Lake where the fish were energized aerobic specialist and deep divers that literally wore old arms out. The catching was so fast, no one could or wanted to keep count.

Then on the 4th day the weather immediately switched to 27 – 30 C for the rest of the trip and the dipertan bugs exploded (mostly the biting ones). As Ian mentioned in his report, it was more comfortable on the water than in camp so we spent long hours on the water. To dampen down the none-stop catching many of us switched over to dry fly fishing and did enjoyably well even though the visible hatch was just barely beginning. Jack caught the largest fish at just short of 24 inches. Mostly we caught fish in the range of 12 to 15 inches, but these wild fish compared to island hatchery fish were double muscled with much larger girths and much more explosive energy when caught. It was truly a memorable trip to be repeated, God willing.

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