



<b>Date</b>	Sept. 15, 2007	<b>Time</b>	Morning
<b>Location</b>	Shirts Lake - Cascade, ID	<b>Weather</b>	Calm but Smoky
<b>Fish Species</b>	Brook Trout, Tiger Muskie	<b>Size Range</b>	Up to 10"
<b>Fish Caught</b>	Many Brook Trout		
<b>Flies Used</b>	Blue Dun, Royal Wulff		
<b>Techniques</b>	Dry fly fishing		
<b>Comments</b>	Tiger Muskie were planted this spring		

I drove up to the top of West Mountain with my friend Aaron who was staying at the cabin with us along with his wife and kids. Smoke from all the fires made it very hazy but that wasn't going to stop us. We drove up Snow Bank Mountain Road which you can get to from Cabarton Road just south of Cascade Lake. We parked at the pull-off between the two towers where there is a trail marker. The trail is about 1 1/2 miles and a 1000' drop to the lake.

This was Aaron's first time fly fishing so I was showing him the ropes. We both did something right because he ended up catching a few Brookies which were eager to take our fly. It's a good place to go if you want to catch fish because they are easy to catch and the lake is seldom visited relative to other lakes in the area.



While fishing I saw three Tiger Muskie in the 12"-16" range. Sterile Tiger Muskie were planted earlier this year as a research project in an effort to manage stunted Brook Trout populations. I tried tempting one with a fly but no luck. You can bet I'll be back!



Brook Trout

Shirts Lake (bottom)



We also hiked over to **Gabes Bathtub** which is to the southwest of the towers at a different pull-off. We hiked about a mile over to the rim and looked down on the lake. It looked like it would be hard to fish with all the vegetation around the lake so we decided it wouldn't be worth the hike down to fish.



Gabes Bathtub

