

Upland Idaho

Date	Mid May 2005	Time	Evenings
Location	Spring Valley Reservoir – Troy, ID Moose Creek Reservoir – Bovil, ID	Weather	Spring Valley - overcast/drizzle Moose Creek - calm
Fish Species	Large Mouth Bass, Crappie, Bluegill, Rainbow Trout	Size Range	Trout – 10-12”; Bluegill - small Crappie – hand-sized Bass – small (largest was 13”)
Fish Caught	Many hand-sized Crappie, Several Rainbow and Bluegill and a few Bass		
Flies Used	Bead Head Nymphs (14); Wooly Buggers (6), Stayner Ducktail (6)		
Techniques	Small, quick strip retrieve for trout and slow smooth retrieve for Crappie & Bluegill		
Comments	Non-stop action		

I went to Moose Creek Reservoir just outside Bovil with my friends Denny and Cindy that live in Troy, Idaho. Denny and Cindy both fly fish and used me as a good excuse to go wet a line. We began fishing off one of the many docks that makes for easy, unobstructed fly casting. Crappie were plentiful and every now and then you would find a school of Bluegill. I found that casting right next to the bank or next to the dock provided ample hand-sized Crappie and Bluegill that weren't quite worthy of the frying pan.

After catching oodles of small fish we decided to try fishing off the damn to possibly get into some Trout and Bass. Moose Creek holds Largemouth Bass but none can be kept under 20”. Cindy decided to just sit and enjoy the beautiful sunset above the silhouette of the dark pine trees, the Eagle's high pitched twittering shrill as it flew from perch to perch around the lake and the deer emerging from the woods to get a drink and graze on the lakeside vegetation. Meanwhile, Denny and I instantly began catching small trout, a few Bass and more Crappie and Bluegill. I put on a Wooly Bugger to try and entice some of the bigger fish. I caught a few bass, the largest being 13” and several small Rainbow but the fishing was slower with the large fly. Denny had on a small Nymph and couldn't keep the fish off his line. It was a real fun evening spending time with friends.

I also went to Spring Valley Reservoir, which is just outside Troy and about 20 minutes from Moscow. It is one of the family fishing waters in the area. The weather wasn't as nice as the day I went to Moose Creek. It was rainy with light winds off and on all evening. There were plenty of docks from which to easily cast a fly. I made my way across a bridge and out to a little island on the upper end of the reservoir. This reservoir seemed to have the same fish species as Moose Creek. I managed to catch all the Crappie I wanted along the reeds with the occasional small Rainbow, Largemouth Bass and Bluegill. Both reservoirs are quaint little areas that would be fun to take the kids.