

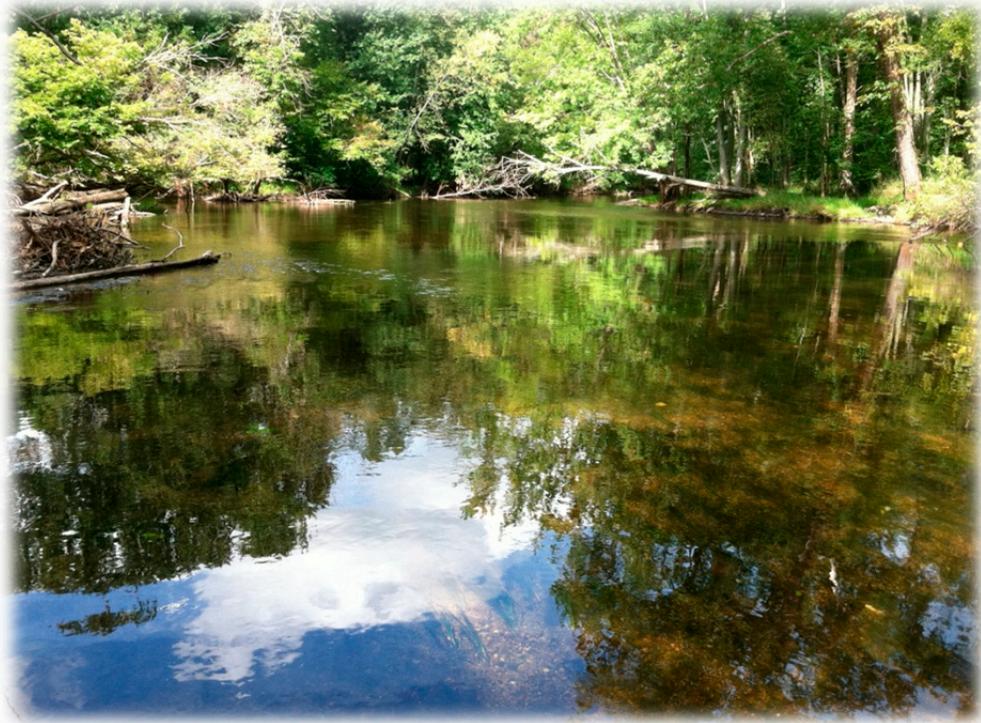
*The Thornapple River - Autumn Fishing  
September 16th thru 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011*



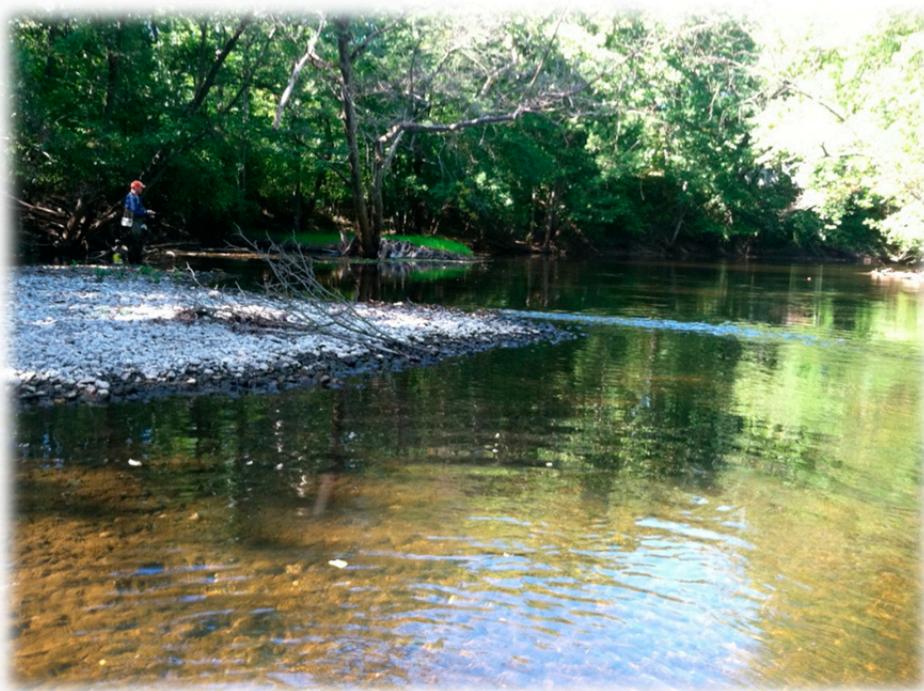
*The County Park on Airport Rd. - getting' ready to pick Hellgrammites on Friday afternoon. I caught about 10 hellgrammites in 45 minutes and then decided it was time to go fishing.*



*The "Boat Hole" - looking upstream on Saturday morning,*



*The "Boat Hole" Saturday morning looking downstream.  
The river splits into 2 branches here.  
Which way do you go? Right side or the left side??*



*Looking upstream at the "Lane Hole"  
Note: the "Log jam" has been swept out by the July floods.  
That's Jim Fox of "U Rent Em" canoes on the left*



*The "Original Lane Hole" - looking downstream*



*A 17" Smallie compliments of Jim Fox and the "Cliff Hole" - Saturday afternoon after 4:00 pm. The entire hole is in the shade. This was Jim's biggest Smallmouth of his career!! He was excited! I told him there are even bigger Smallies living in this hole.....*



*Ten minutes later in the "Cliff Hole", the battle is on....this fish makes several big swirls and makes the water almost "boil"...*



*A 20.5" Smallmouth - now we are both excited!!!!*

*Quotes from Jim: "HOLY COW!!!!!!" and  
"this bass has more stripes than a Zebra!"*

*Quotes from Chris: "The fish of a lifetime" and  
"Biggest Smallie I've seen caught out of the Thornapple in a decade!"*