

The Thornapple River - Autumn Fishing
September 16th thru 18th, 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!"*