

Amanda,

As promised, here are some notes Don Retzlaff took during conversations with his dad Bert, and other local old-timers regarding trout in the N. Fork of the Jump.

The demise of Brook Trout in these waters correlates well with three events...

1. The excavation of "Spring Creek" (The headwaters of the N.F.) into waterfowl flowages now comprising "Spring Creek Wildlife Area).
2. The appearance of Northern Pike in the 1950s after the building + stocking of Holcombe Flowage. Previously, the Jump River system had only Maskies as top predator.
3. The loss of Elm trees to disease and resulting loss of shade.

Best, Dan

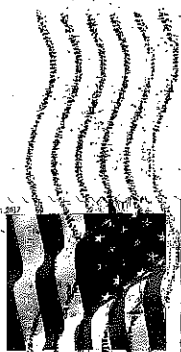
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GREEN BAY WISCONSIN

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Fished From ⁽¹⁹³⁰⁾ 9 yrs old thru 40 yrs. old

Sometimes fished a week straight + new every lake
From ~~Refuge~~ to Hwy 8. to Forks

Becklers - used to be Dixon's caught trout in springs
Used to catch Brook Trout ^{where} Springs come out mainly along forks.

Hans Andersen used to watch Pete catch trout
Come out with a 12" - 14" Brook Trout just above

Abm Raabs swimming hole.

(Abm's daughter)

Edith Denny used to live by the river and can verify
catching trout in North Fork.

Monsiey Anderson used to fish trout by Soo line trestle
Spur Rd. bridge to Hanson's Hole. Frank Hettler used fish
trout in same area. Bill Leaders fish trout in Jump
Pete ~~last~~ last fished in 1989.

Pete stated he remembers ^{Brown} trout being planted when he was
13 - 14 yrs.

P-Hole by Hwy 8 bridge

Norman Birdeau George Freeman caught 14" Brookie

during spring of yr. ~~1942~~ 1942

Part of the trout decline could be related to
Northern Pike infestation, due to Lake Holcombe.

Kiddalls creek had trout

Fritz Vollendorf fished trout w/ Pete.

Pete remembers putting his hands by rocks in spring +
catching trout by hand.

Fred Northleaf used to have a place ^{on Cty I} + he would rent
out to a Swede from Chicago and Pete said this
could catch fish. late 30's.

Herbert Fisher
2-26-03

N 5407 CTY Rd J
Pete + Lucille Fisher
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Bert Petchoff remembers in the late 1930s catching Brook trout by hand with Gus + Bill Raab just above Raabs Hole where a spring came out. He said they used to block the creek off with rocks where it entered the river and then go up where the creek narrowed and catch them by hand when they were kids. Bert also stated that he remembers Fishing Brook Trout just above Fuchs' Hole with hook + night crawlers. He said there was a small island just below the spring area where they sometime stood and fished. He also waded from above.

Bert remembers when Bill Raab and himself helped the conservation plant Brown ^{13" to 15"} trout in Hobbler Creek. He doesn't remember the exact year, but said Ervin + Hans Anderson might remember. He says Bill and him carried these trout above the Hobbler Creek bridge ~~on~~ ^{on} County I in 5 gallon pails, because they told the conservation personnel in charge (Howard Bergquist), that if they didn't carry the trout ^{Prentice, Wisc.} above the bridge they would be fished out immediately. He said Emil Aahn caught nice trout several

~~catching~~ Bert talked about the creek across from Adam Raabs on County I being ditched by Hans Anderson for a soil conservation project. He stated that there were trout seen ~~down~~ in the creek during this project.
in Raabs Hole.

Bert also said that the trout Emil Herka caught had to have come up to Raabs Hole on the North Fork from the plantings that were done in Hobbes Creek. There were also a lot of ~~trout~~ ^{Native Brookies} that he caught in Hobbes Creek. He could tell because of no fin clippings etc. were noticed on the trout he caught.

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