





Left: Picture of Hum Lake taken from the southwest bank where the trail enters the lake looking northeast.

Bottom: Picture of Hum Lake looking northeast where the trail comes over the saddle. You can see Duck Lake, which has Brook Trout, looking back the opposite direction.



I fished a few other locations this weekend as my family and I stayed at our cabin in Round Valley just south of Cascade.

After working in Valley County on Thursday, I drove up to the South Fork of the Salmon River to try my luck. I had heard of good fishing reports from rafters in the area between the Secesh River and the Main Salmon River. There is a road that heads north along the South Fork of the Salmon for three miles at the confluence of the Secesh River where the rafters put in. It then turns into a trail. I hiked in a mile or two and started fishing around 6:00 PM. I tried Nymphs, Streamers, Hoppers and a few Caddis flies. I ended up catching a half-dozen small Rainbows on Caddis but nothing like I was hoping for. You can look off the rocks and see fish of all sizes in the clear water. It is a steep canyon and the river was not easily accessible from the trail at least within the first mile or two that I hiked. It was a lot of work for a few small Rainbows.



South Fork Salmon River

I spent Friday at Hum Lake as mentioned and on Saturday, our family hiked into Blue Lake for a picnic. Blue Lake is on West Mountain just west of Cabarton near the top of the ridge past where the rafters put in on the North Fork of the Payette. It is an easy hike that is about a ½ mile or less. I hiked in with my Brother-in-law Bryce and his family and my Father and Mother-in-law. I of course packed in my fishing gear along with all the food, warm clothes, blanket and a couple of my daughters at times. I spent an hour on the float tube and caught a few small Rainbows on small attractors.



Float tubing on Blue Lake



My four girls at Blue Lake

Early Monday morning before the sun's rays had hit the water, I floated Herrick Reservoir located on the edge of Round Valley near my cabin. I fished for an hour or so and caught several 10"- 12" Rainbows on small attractors. I also watched a Sandhill Crane nearby and a fox trotting along the shoreline that was completely oblivious to me. I also saw a large Bull Elk herding a group of cows up the hill on my drive out. It was a great weekend of fishing. I caught my first Cutthroat and finally got my float tube off of the shelf. Fall is a great time to fish dry flies on alpine lakes.

Monday afternoon my wife and I went fishing at Rowland Pond just east of McCall for an hour before we went out to dinner. It's a little family fishing pond. My wife challenged me to the first fish. I told her that she was on and sure enough, as always, she caught the first fish on a spinner. That ended up being the only fish we caught. Not only did I get skunked, I now owe her a Cold Stone ice cream and she has bragging rights until the next time we go fishing.

