

Nimbo Fork Fishing Report, May 2007

The official fishing season has just four weeks remaining until the rivers and streams around Tumut close for the spawning season. There was a quiet spell after Christmas when high water temperatures and cloudy water make fishing more difficult. However the river has been in its typical pre-winter low water state for a couple of months now. The water temperature is falling, the water is clear and flow rates are constant. This is likely very close to its natural state for hundreds of years.

As a result fishing conditions are ideal. Small to medium fish are holding in pools and riffles, and the odd trophy size fish is also being taken. Fly selection is now key, and late afternoon dun hatches are the order of the day. Choosing the right size, colour and pattern fly is crucial to success. Quite often we see fisherman surrounded by rising trout but unable to “match the hatch”. Our guides have been busy tying their own variants and having great success.

Last week we had a pair of novice fly fishermen in for a few days. After lessons on our casting ponds they were guided on the Tumut River and had immediate success. Quite unusual but a great result!

The river is low enough to wade across in many places, opening up all the best casting positions; as a result we haven't needed to take our drift boat out for a few weeks. The 50km stretch of river from Blowering Dam down to Nimbo Fork is fishing very well along its full length, and fishing pressure from other anglers is very low.

Our ponds are stocked and the rainbows and browns are enjoying the conditions, as are the anglers!

All in all perhaps the best time of year down here at the Fork!