

shades of tan and light brown to match the sand bottom. Cory's favorite carp patterns are built with materials that "breathe" even when the fly is at rest on the bottom, so soft furs and feathers and rubber hackles are ideal.

Smallmouth bass, a nice bonus, also inhabit the flats and can be enticed to eat the same flies used for carp. Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore is easy to reach from Interstate 94 and the Indiana Toll Road. With no launching facilities close by, carp anglers must fish by kayak portaged to the lake or by walking the beach. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/indu.

Cloud River, Newfoundland

By Hendrik Breuer

Cloud River in Newfoundland is a destination for adventurous Atlantic salmon anglers. The Cloud is located on the island's Northern Peninsula and flows into the Atlantic near the small town of Roddickton. Navigating through various arms of a massive fjord, a 20-minute boat

ride from town delivers anglers to the river.

The mouth of the Cloud River is so well hidden among islands, shallow waters, and various coves that it seems impossible for non-locals to find. Over the course of my six-day visit in late July 2006, the Cloud

was completely devoid of people except for me and my guides from Mayflower Outfitters, (709) 457-2328, www.mayfloweroutfitters.com, the sole outfitter working the stream. (In Newfoundland, a guide is required for all nonresident salmon anglers.)

Eleven salmon pools are strung along the Cloud River's lower 3.5 miles, and reaching them requires rather strenuous hiking: dense wood-



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lands cloak the banks of the river so that the only path upstream courses over wet rocks or through the river itself. While the lowermost pools are easy to wade, 0.5 mile upstream from its estuary the Cloud changes drastically, from an idle stream measuring more than 30 yards wide to a gushing river. In the upper reach, 10- to 25-yard-wide pools alternate with sections where the Cloud could pass

for a wild, rugged mountain stream.

Reaching the uppermost pool—Great Falls Pool—requires about two hours of hiking. Here, at the foot of an impressive waterfall, the salmon rest before tackling this massive obstacle to continue their upstream journey. Guide Trevor Pilgrim, a 30-plus-year veteran of the Cloud, declares this pool "the top spot on the river," and says he catches strong fish here every year.

The major salmon run starts by the end of June and peaks during the first three weeks of July. During this time, fly anglers enjoy excellent prospects for large fish. Though the typical fish is a 3- to 5-pound grilse, the river holds mature salmon up to 16 pounds. Later in the year, fishing can get trickier at Cloud River due to low water levels that can settle in virtually overnight—conditions that can stop the salmon from migrating from the ocean into the river. Anglers still catch fish, but the action tends to be considerably slower. During my July trip, despite fairly low water, we moved and hooked fish every day.

Classic Newfoundland dry flies are the most enjoyable patterns to fish on the Cloud. Wet-fly fishing simply can't match the memorable thrill of watching an Atlantic salmon repeatedly attack a Bomber before finally hooking itself. Such flies are sold at every gas station on the island. Top colors are brown, green, and orange; other classic dry and wet salmon flies are productive as well.

Oak Orchard River, NY

By Robert W. Streeter

The first time I saw the Oak Orchard River, I knew this stream was unique. Having just fished in Alaska, where you can drive to a stream and find a pool full of a thousand salmon and have them all to yourself, I was amazed to look down the bank just below the power dam turbines and see so many fish . . . in New York. Hundreds of big, lake-run browns commingled with a few steelhead and salmon. At

that time, the "Oak" had not earned the reputation it carries today, and my buddy Jim and I easily found a spot away from the few other anglers already on the water. These days, the secret is out and more anglers ply this productive stream.

The Oak Orchard River, often called Oak Orchard Creek, is located north of Albion in Orleans County. The best way to get there is to head north out of Albion on New York



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