

The Guide's Angle – Octoberfest!

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Everyone is enjoying the cooler weather and Fall foliage but let's not forget the trout like it too. October is the beginning of the brown trout spawning run. Anglers will begin seeing Browns in uncommon areas like shallow gravel bars where they will attempt to deposit and fertilize their eggs. As the days get shorter you will see Browns active even during the middle of the day with the occasional belly-flop splash as these brooding fish leap entirely out of the water which is a breeding ritual of some kind. River water clarity will become murky almost an opaque green hue caused by the Lanier reservoir stratifying. Don't let this murky water stop you just use larger flies with a higher profile so the fish can see your offering. Late afternoons be ready for pods of rising trout likely either Blue-winged-olive mayflies or October-caddis will be hatching.

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