

An aerial photograph of a river flowing through a dense forest. The river is dark and turbulent, with white water rapids and numerous large, smooth rocks protruding from the water. A person in a blue shirt is visible in the middle of the river, engaged in fly-fishing. The surrounding forest is lush and green, with various types of trees and undergrowth visible. The overall scene is serene and natural.

# CAST *and* CREW

FROM THEIR BASE CAMP  
ON THE SACANDAGA,  
**PHOTOGRAPHER JUSTIN MICHAU**  
AND FRIENDS FLY-FISH ACROSS  
THE ADIRONDACKS



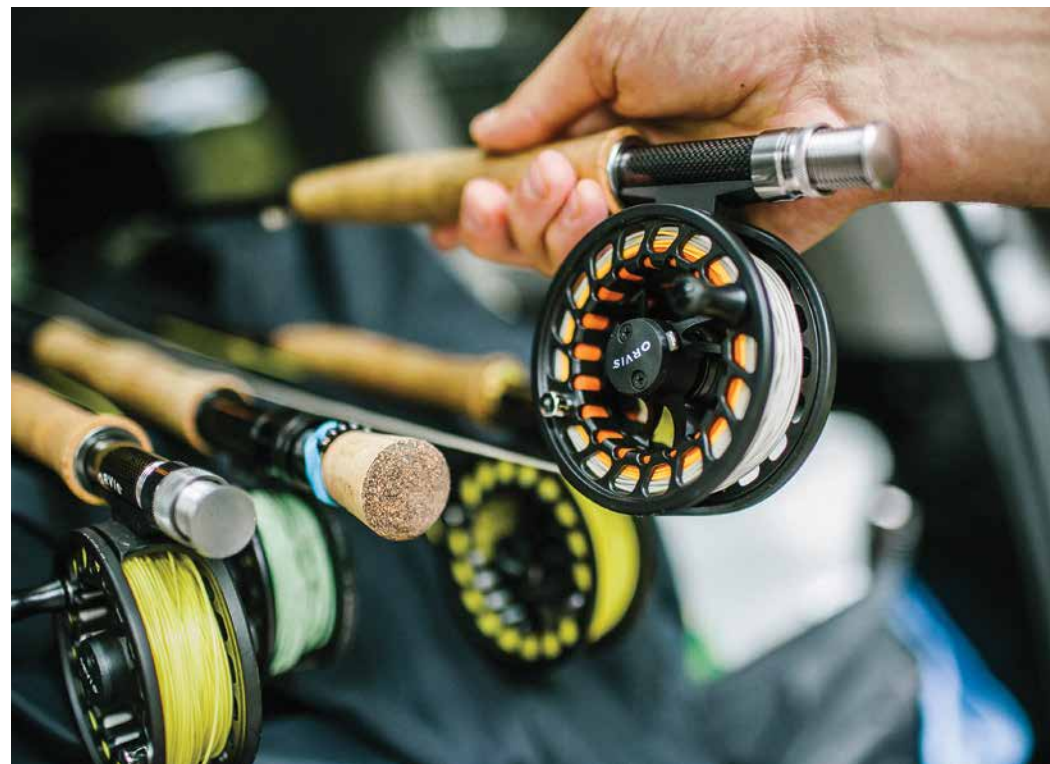
# JUSTIN MICHAU'S

LOVE FOR THE MOUNTAINS STARTED EARLY. HE GREW UP IN SOUTH CAROLINA, TAKING FAMILY VACATIONS TO THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS. WHEN HIS WIFE'S FAMILY INTRODUCED HIM TO THE ADIRONDACKS, HE SAYS, "MY MIND WAS BLOWN—I WAS HOOKED." NOW HE MAKES THE TRIP FROM THE ROCHESTER AREA AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE.

LAST JULY, MICHAU AND TWO BUDDIES SET UP BASE CAMP ALONG THE EAST BRANCH OF THE SACANDAGA RIVER BETWEEN WELLS AND BAKERS MILLS FOR A FOUR-DAY FLY-FISHING TOUR OF ADIRONDACK WATERWAYS.

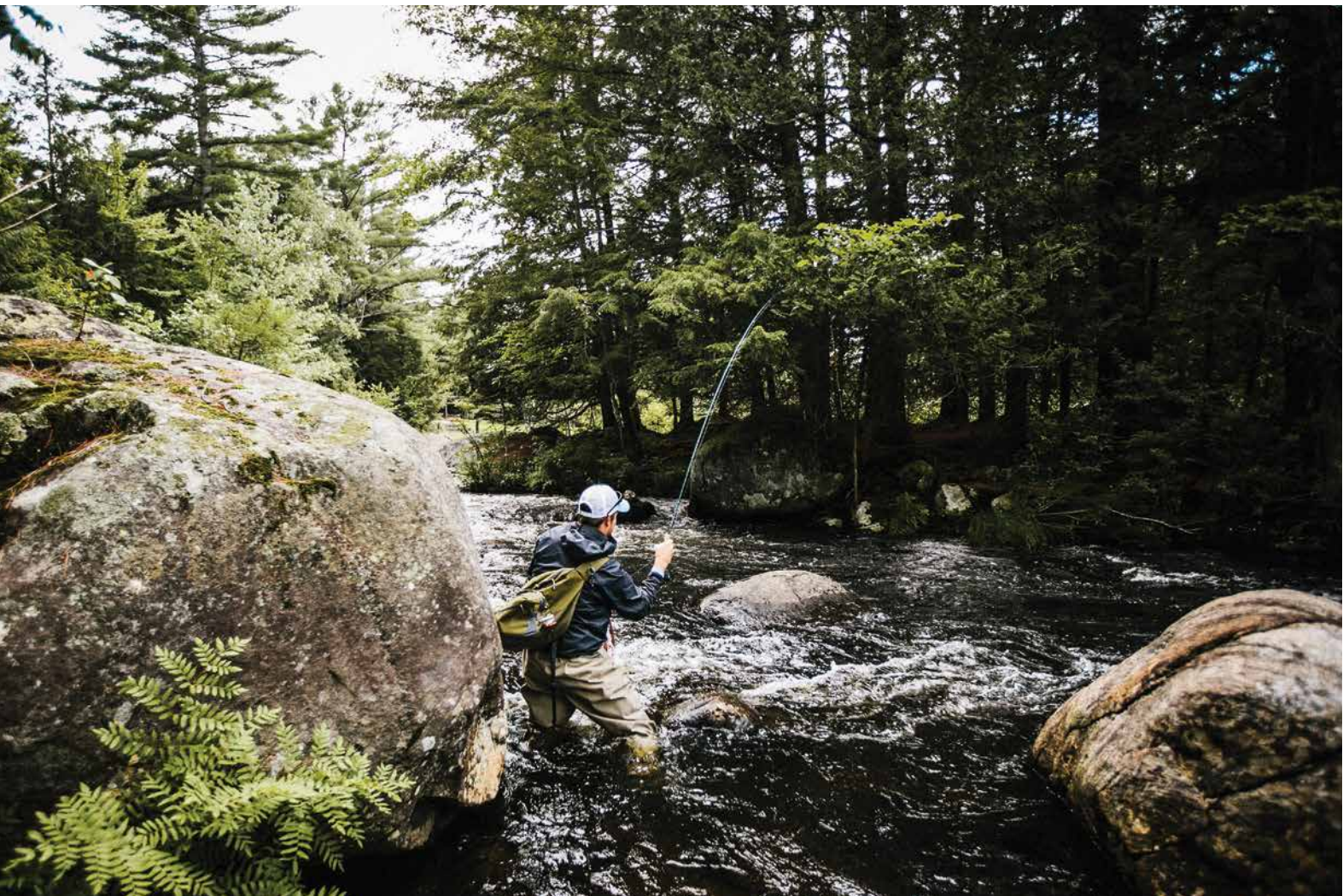
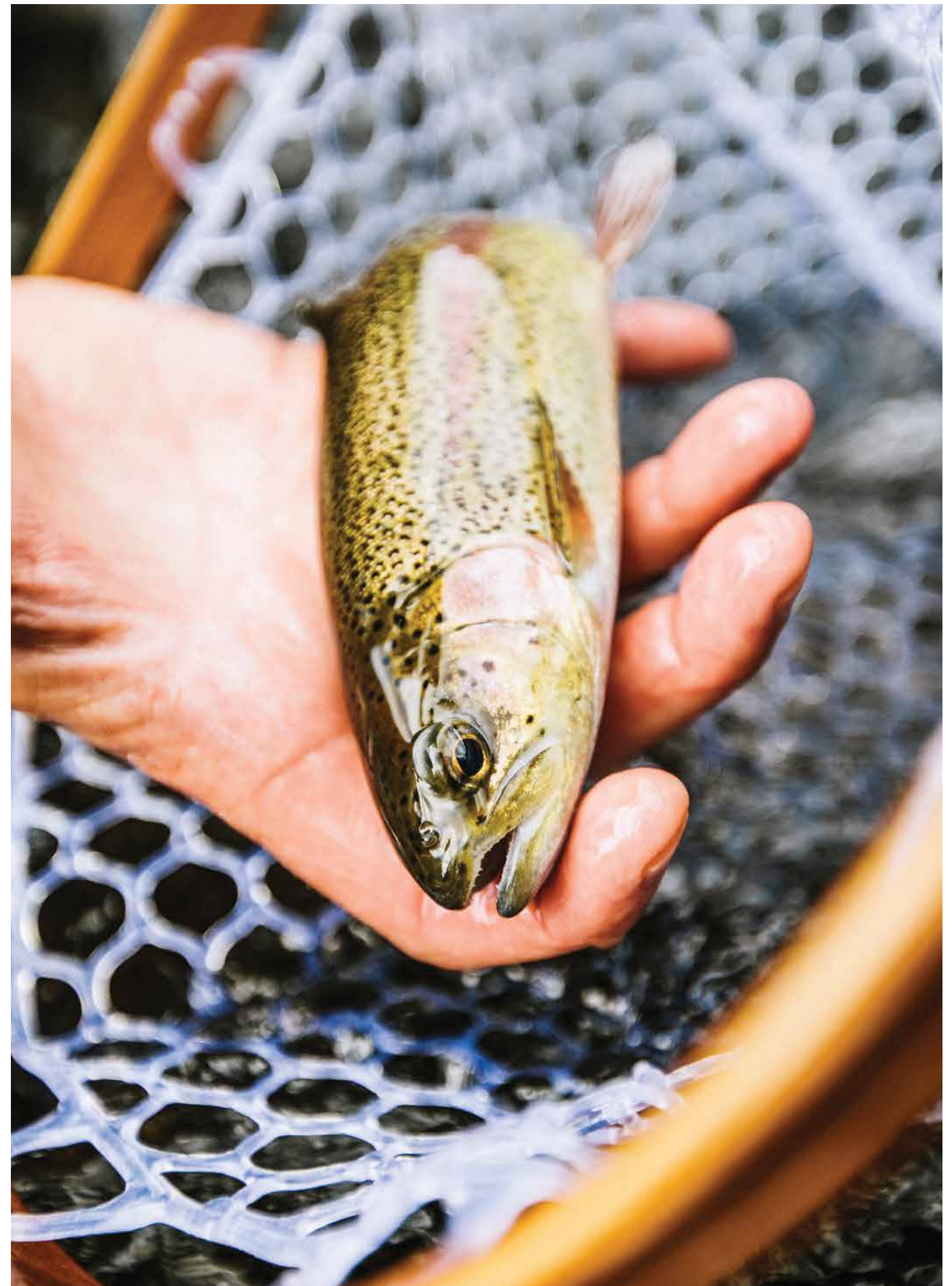
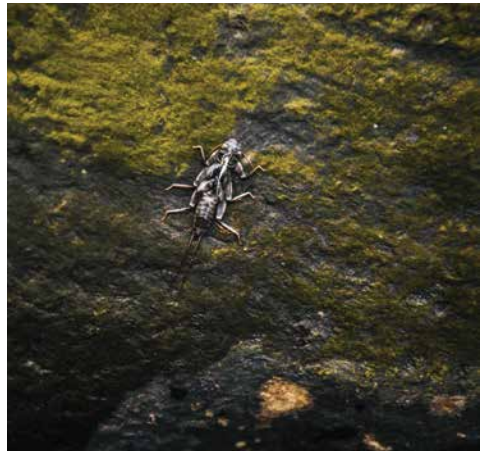
BESIDES THE SACANDAGA, THEY HIT MILL CREEK, IN JOHNSBURG; THE BOREAS RIVER, IN NORTH HUDSON; AND TROUT BROOK, IN OLMSTEDVILLE. ON THE FINAL DAY, THE CREW MADE A LAST-MINUTE CHANGE OF PLANS. THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO PACK UP EARLY AND HEAD HOME, MICHAU SAYS, "BUT THE MORE WE TALKED ABOUT FISHING THE AUSABLE RIVER, THE MORE WE COULDN'T LEAVE IT BEHIND."

Justin Michau's group fished its way up the Boreas River, entering near Blue Ridge Road in North Hudson and hiking to wilder spots a half-mile or so upstream. Pages 50-51: Mill Creek in Wevertown was a highlight of the trip. "We loved the intimacy of Mill Creek with its narrow sections and pocket water," Michau says.

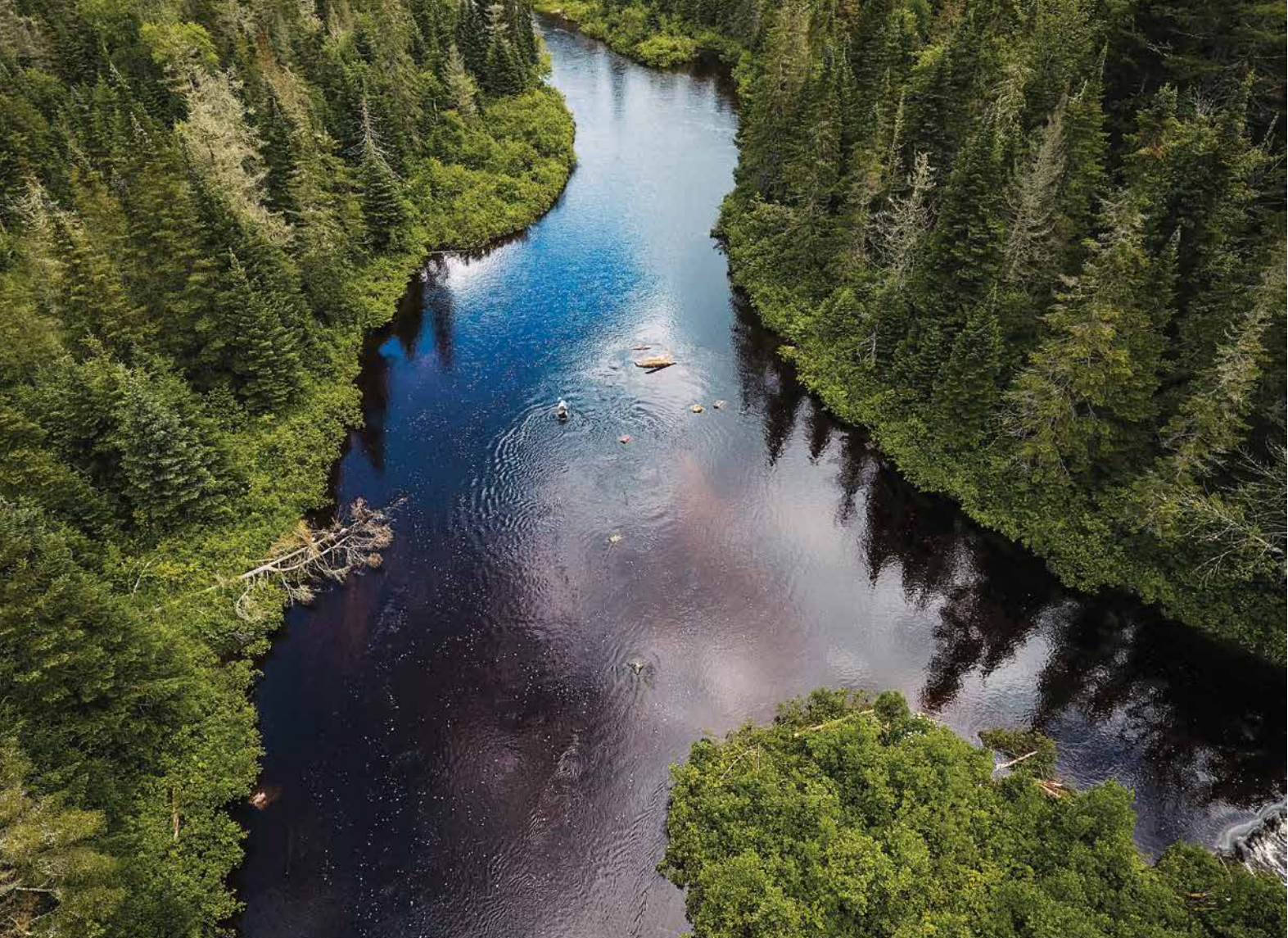




Clockwise from bottom: Trout Brook, in Olmstedville. A stonefly nymph on the Sacandaga River. Assorted dry flies. Facing page: The trio caught brook, brown and rainbow trout, including this rainbow on Trout Brook.







Clockwise from bottom right: Base camp, near the Sacandaga River. Scouting the Sacandaga. The Boreas River, seen from land and air, made for good fishing.

