

THE KLEINKLIPHUIS RIVER REVISITED

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(Note: The Kleinkliphuis River was stocked on December 18, 1961, by an Exploration Group party with 2,000 mixed brown and rainbow trout fingerlings, over a length of about half a mile above the barrier gorge leading to the Twentyfour Rivers. Report by Ron Bell, PISCATOR No. 53, Summer 1961/1962, p. 124.)

ON Saturday, November 27, 1965, Joe Brooks, Rinette Schuurman—of the University of Cape Town Mountain and Ski Club—and the writer, went out to the Kleinkliphuis. The Dasklip Pass was not too bad, but the road along the top took a bit of navigating, especially on a Mini-Traveller. We took the car as fast as the last concrete strips and then walked the rest of the way.

Despite the decidedly warm weather, there was a fairly good flow of water in the K.K.H. We established ourselves and then tackled-up and set off up and down the river. After some three hours of fishing, the net result was a blank. It may well be that we just hit a bad period, but there is not very much holding water and in what there is we did not see any piscatorial life.

Another and more exhaustive attempt is necessary to determine whether the trout have established themselves or not, but it would seem that the stocking has not been successful. However the water was most pleasant for bathing.