



Logan & Connor



Bob

In mid-October of 2025 I took my boys on our annual Smallmouth trip to Northern Minnesota. This is by far my favorite time of year to fish for them because even though the weather can be really unpredictable this time of year, if the water temperatures are right, it can be an absolute blast as the smallmouth are grouping up for the winter and feeding heavily. When we find those winter spots it can be nonstop action with a lot of big fish in the mix. This trip the water temperatures were just right at around 55 degrees and the fish were starting to group up and cooperating with us. At first, we were able to catch them on all sorts of things from topwater to swimbaits, jerkbaits and blades. When they got picky, I put on a 5/16oz Jimmy D's River Bug in black and they started cooperating again! Most of our fish were coming in 20-25 feet of water and letting the river bug settle on bottom followed by a quick couple of turns of the reel and then a pause, letting it pendulum back to bottom was what they wanted. Thanks, Jim, for making such great custom jigs! The Northern Minnesota Smallies love them!

