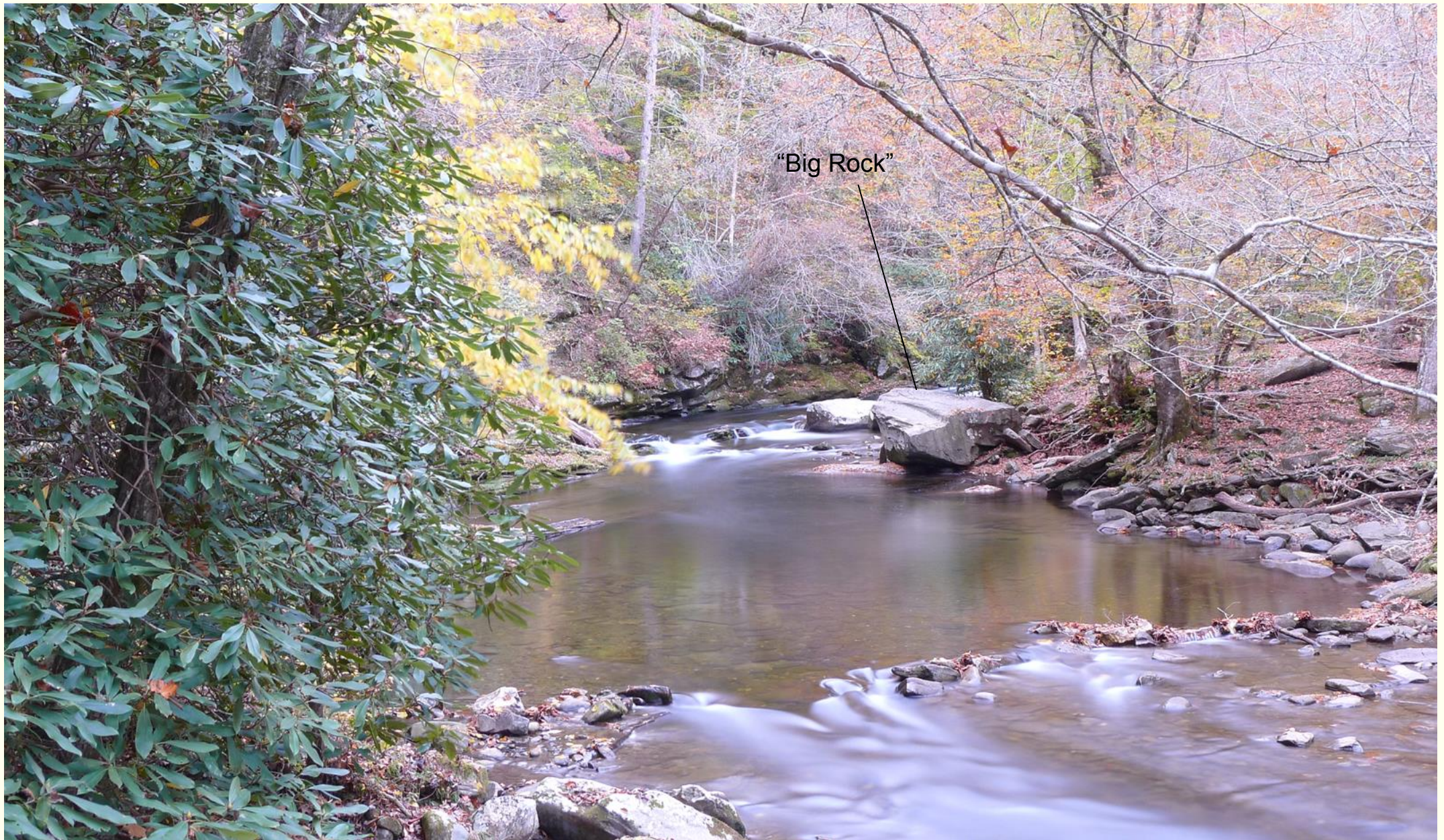


## Pool at Big Rock, at relatively low water



There are holes all along Deep Creek – from just above its mouth to the Bryson Place – which have long been named places, Big Rock is somewhat unique. Most of which are given names primarily because they're choice holes for fishing, the Big Rock hole, shown here took its name not so much for the fishing as the swimming and diving. The "Big Rock" for which it is named is on the east (right) side of the creek, just below the white water at its head. The pool directly west of the rock is in the range of 8-9 feet deep, so anyone diving off the boulder is in no danger of hitting bottom. As a boy, I recall walking from the parking area at the trailhead – then located next to Deep Creek above the mouth of Juney Whank Branch; this was when the Bill Rolan family still occupied the old Billy Morris house. Even on the hottest of summer days, by the time you walked (barefoot of course) to Big Rock, you'd have already cooled off considerably, and the cool waters of Deep Creek would finish the job. In those days, inner tubes were exceedingly rare. There were no commercial tube rentals, so the only folks who floated were locals. Have times ever changed!