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I've been doing this small stream, wild trout fishing a lot this year. It's still pretty cool overnight, so it takes a while for the water to warm up enough to get the fish active.

The best dry fly fishing has been in the warmest part of the day, from around 2 to until the lowering light levels and temps puts an end to it. One day that was about 6:30 and another day they just quit at about 5:30. It was like a switch turning off.

Just walk upstream making casts with dry flies to likely spots. I recommend the good old Parachute Adams of course. And a Parachute Adams with a brown body, whatever that might be called. Sizes 12, 14 mostly, and #16 if they get fussy, but I don't think they will at current stream levels.

Going at the right time is the most important thing. In the morning you can wear yourself out and try all kinds of stuff and not catch much. At the peak time around 4 pm though the brookies were pounding our flies. Anybody who can throw a dry fly up the creek could have caught them.