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Dude,

An indicator is sometimes the best way to fish nymphs, especially if you need to fish across stream through multiple current speeds. You can mend to get a drag free float with an indicator. Fishing without an indicator really shines when deep wading or in smaller streams where you can fish upstream in the same current lane.

Czech nymphing actually involves no added weight, the flies (usually 3 flies on droppers) are heavily weighted with the heaviest fly usually tied in the middle. A short cast (flip) is made upstream, and the flies are followed with the tip keeping the rod tip kept fairly low, but in contact (feel) with your flies. It's a very short line method fishing right under the rod tip. When the flies drift parallel to your position, you recast. Not a good method for Valley where you fish – close wading would put those fish down.

High sticking is similar, casting upstream and lifting your rod to keep most of the line and leader off the water while remaining in touch with your flies. As the flies pass by you lower your rod to maintain slight contact. Again a short-line method.

With either method it makes it easier if you have some sort of visible line or bright marker on your line for visibility. As Wulffman posted, with a shorter leader you can use your fly line for visibility.

Joe Humphries has some good books and videos on the subject, just don't pay attention to him when he says you should never use an indicator - never say never!.....hope that helps.