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Quote:

6" of water which is the warmest , did any of you ever tie a string to your thermometer and stand in the middle ( deep pool ) and drop it 5' to the bottom ? whats the temp difference gonna be ?

The water in a typical trout stream is sufficiently mixed that there is little difference in temperature top to bottom. Large pools and flats might develop a very thin layer of warmer water near the surface, but depth, in a trout stream, does not create cooler water. The logic used by some that says trout go to the deepest pools to stay cool is a flawed. They are most likely going to the most protected spot if they cannot find significantly cooler water.

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Generally, 70 degrees is a good measure. It can be a bit more complicated than that. Browns seem to handle warm temps better than brookies or bows. Amount of flow matters a bit, they'll handle temps better if the water is fast and aerated. Streams go up and down by the day, some considerably and others not as much. So if its 70 for a brief time at the peak of the day, but dropping to 62 at night, you might be alright, but if its staying at 70 thats a different story

I agree 100% with the above. It's not the maximum temp that kills the fish, it is how long the water stays at that temperature. if you have a freestone stream that is peaking at 70-72 and staying in the 60's for most of the day, you probably have a pretty decent trout fishery. **Trout do not suddenly drop dead at 70 degrees** The affects of warm water takes some time to deplete a population of trout.

Kev