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How deep are your friends fishing their minnows under the bobber? Are they using a slip bobber? Are their baits getting eaten on the bottom or mid water column? What time of day/year? This is the sort of intel you'll want to know.

As for flies, you can't beat a Clouser Minnow for this sort of thing. Have some flies tied up in a "deep" fly box that include extra lead. Practice counting them down in clear water about 3' deep - of course keep in mind that as the fly drops further down you'll need to allow for fly line drag and the drop won't be as fast. Nevertheless, you can get a pretty good idea of how long it will take for your flies to get down to a certain depth with some practice. Streamers tied with rabbit strips sink well too and have great breathing action and imitate leeches and similar stuff. Don't rule out nymphs either. Summer smallies love nymphs. Try a tandem with a big rubber leg version up front and trail it with a trout sized Hare's Ear or something similar. Fish 'em right on the bottom.