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For fishing deeper runs, I'd probably do just what you were doing in the riffles: fish buggers or crayfish patterns. Buggers are more versatile; since they imitate everything (and nothing) you can vary the retrieve until something triggers a take. I've found times when a dead drift works and others when they want it stripped fast on an upward swing, etc. I sometimes do a tandem rig like Fishidiot suggested: either a nymph trailing a weighted bugger or two buggers: a size 6 or 8 with a 10 or 12, both weighted with dumbbell eyes.

Clouser deep minnows seem to work well for everyone but me for smallies. I've caught just about everything else with them, heck I've taken more channel cats with them than smallies. They are also a killer pattern for chubs or fallfish. Clouser crippled minnows or swimming nymphs are a different story... a slow twitched crippled minnow will sometimes entice a "Bubba" smallie off the bottom of a run.