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On the nymphing side, I am more engaged and catch more fish when I fish to "imaginary" fish. When I envision where a fish should be lying - a single spot, not "sort of in the run" and present a nymph to that lie nymphing is a blast, and I catch plenty. Generally this type of fishing doesn't involve an indicator. At times when you get into the "zone" it is almost mystical. You never hit bottom and raise your arm for reasons not immediately apparent until a trout starts running off. When I lose focus nymphing can be a nightmare of snagged flies and no fish. I think good nymphing takes more concentration than good dry fly fishing. It is real easy to stay focused when a rising fish is in front of you, but imagining where a fish should be takes concentration.

When I put on an indicator I do a lot of "chuck-and-chance-it" fishing. Soon I am bored to tears and the skunk may be following me around. It is far too easy to fish the indicator and not fish for the trout.