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Largely due to the muddied lower river from the rains that pushed through earlier this week, LHGS spent the majority of its time on the Middle Yough chasing trout the past few days. The story is much the same: the trout are there and are eating flies pretty well if you show them the bugs the right way, but if your drift is off by even a bit or your flies are dragging, you might be in for a frustrating day of August fly poling. The fishing has been best in the first few miles below the dam. Drifting a nymph or two under a big dry in the morning is likely your best bet for moving fish. It seems to be more about the drift than the specific bug right now, but smaller stones and various midgery have been consistent producers of late in water suitable for the dry dropper rig. Bigger rubber legged stuff with flashy nymphs like lightning bugs and copper johns have been better bets in heavy or deep water. Daily hatches of olives are bringing fish to the surface on the river's flats. Smaller patterns in 18-24 have been working well, but you might try a 16 in water with a little chop on it. The trout don't seem to mind.

Cold nights combined with weekend releases opened up a little more trout water this weekend and LHGS covered the river from the dam to Connellsville. Morning fishing on the lower river was pretty good this weekend, but if you're going to fish trout down there, do it early and switch to bass water as the sun gets high.

Best of luck out there,

LHGS

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