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I haven't gotten out much over the past year or so...I guess having a 2 year old will do that. So, I somehow finagled a freebie day yesterday. I live just outside of Reading, but the thought of going to the Tully with the flows it is at was not very excitement inspiring...I just wanted something new...most likely bigger water...had the itch, I guess. I didn't really want any specific info on the Lehigh...just to be pointed in the right direction and explore. Swung by TCO friday, and decided to just park at Jim Thorpe and figure it out. Wow, is it beautiful there. I realized quickly that I should have brought the mountain bike...and remembered the studs for my boots (man, is that some tough wading). I ended up staying within the confines of the large parking lot there. The water there actual looked very good, so I wasn't really motivated to move. I have to admit that I fell victim to the "first time on new water mistakes". I found myself pounding spots that looked productive with everything I had learned from fishing the Tully. I brought a bunch of buggers and hoppers, but didn't even think to go to them. I guess retrospective is how I have learned everything about fishing in the past, though, so this is no different. I will say, I can see how a float down the lehigh would be very cool, but wading that could prove downright addictive. My legs are sore in spots that I didn't think possible today. I did manage to catch a really nice sucker around 15-16" though. I hooked it on a dry dropper rig, and swore I was about to reel in a nice brownie, until I saw the dorsal fin (calm self down, quick look around and then quietly place the camera phone back in the pocket). Anyway, I believe I will be doing this again this weekend...need to try out the "fixes" to what I did wrong. Can anyone confirm that I was at least in the right time zone for fishing this river? Feel free to PM if you don't want to post...I know a bunch of my friends that hold there "spots" on the Schuylkill sacred for SMB, and I could only imagine them if there were trout in there 😊.