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Re: Lehigh River around Jim Thorpe

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Yes you should take your bike with you next time and hit the trails. When the water is low and you can wade this is a good way to go.

I used to always float the river, that was the initial reason I boat a 'toon, but I have been preferring the bike/wade thing more this year. On the bike I can fly up and down the trails and check out a lot of spots. This also helps you be where you want to at particular time, which can be difficult on a boat. For example, if you want to be at particular pool for an evening hatch then you have to plan your trip around that. And you're limited to spots near the take out or you'll be floating in late and/or in the dark.

There's lots of water that looks good but flogging blindly hasn't really worked out well for me. I've caught a few nice fish with buggers and wets but overall the action was slow. I've done best by finding rising fish and getting them with dries. Some do well with nymphs but I haven't put too much time in...it's on the "list" as I want to improve my bigger water nymphing for steelhead rivers and the Lehigh would be a good place to learn...and helps justify the purchase of a switch rod hahah.

I find that when the sun is bright the fishing sucks, unless there's a hatch to bring the fish up. I've had long floats on bluebird sunny days and the fishing was slow. If you're lucky something will get going as the sun is setting that hopefully justifies the float. That's why I sometimes prefer the bike, so you can fish during the prime time without the effort of getting the boat out.