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I'd pretty much echo Swattie's recommendations.  Though it's more by "type" of experience there than actual stream.  Central PA makes an awfully good location to knock off most of them, really.

You've got the medium to big limestoners with the big hatches.  Penns, LJR, BFC, and Spring Creek.  The LJR certainly borders on his "BIG" water class, and Penns ain't that far from it either.  In any top 10 PA destinations, all 4 would likely be on it.  And they're all within an hour of State College.

But also in that area, there are a number of pretty good little mountain brookie freestoners.  There's also some slow, Cumberland County like limestoners.  Plenty of "off the radar" streams of all types.  Good smally fishing can be head without travelling too far in the Big J, W. Br. Susquehanna, and parts of the Bald Eagle.  It's not even that far to part of Big Pine if you wanted to hit a huge classic freestoner.

In other words, you can get all of those experiences (save steelhead) from one central location.

Not that you shouldn't do the others.  I mean, yeah, if I'm JUST after brookies, I'd go well north of there.  If I were JUST after the slowish limestoners, I'd go to the Cumberland Valley.  If big Pine were my target, I'd set up base on the upper end of the canyon, not the lower end.  But if you want all the "types" of fisheries in short order, I can't think of a better home base than State College.  Which is why the jam is held there.