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winter fishing is not hard but it does take experience. the fish are much more lethargic and you need to put the fly right on them. they will most likely be in a deeper hole so you are gonna need some weight to get you down. the way that I look at winter fly fishing is a game where you get real close to the fish in a deep pool and do short drifts.

I find that in most cases when I find a pool with fish in it I try to stay as far away. but im usually within 10 feet of them. I use a 9 foot leader with a tandem rig. I usually have no more then 5 feet of fly line out. I put as much weight as I can. when you start bumping the bottom is when I stop. just take a split shot off if you start snagging. you can catch a lot of fish in the winter. zebra midge is my go to for streams with stocked fish. I also use wooly buggers and eggs but I get most of my fish on zebras.

once the water starts to warm in spring and summer it gets easier and harder. by this I mean stocked fish will hit buggers and streamers and fishing is easy but give them two weeks and they will turn to whats in the streams. BWO's, caddis, midges and other bugs.

summer is when most bugs stop hatching on a regular basis so thing like ants and beetles will work but nymphing is still the best way to fish. the way I describe summer fly fishing to someone who spin fished their who life is fish where you would never go with bait or a lure like a rooster tail. by this I mean fast moving water, shallow or deep. trout need a lot of O2 to live in a stream so them will move to stretches of the river that have a lot of turbulent water when it warms up. I have caught fish in a riffle that is about 2 feet deep to about 5 inches. even if you don't see fish it dosent mean that they aren't there. summer time I like to use pheasant tails hears ears caddis larva.

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