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Although I've never seen or hooked one in that Hershey section, my guess is they're there. A few Summers ago I hooked and quickly lost a big one to a cut line...I was spin fishing with 6 lb test when it took a 3" twistertail grub...this was slightly downstream of there, near Hummelstown. There's a few REALLY deep, slow holes in that stretch that I'm sure probably hold them - PM me if you want some more detail. I'm pretty sure the big Muskie of the year in the Patriot News Big Fish contest came out of the Hummelstown stretch of the Swattie for a couple years in a row in the mid 2000's. Bottom line, like the others have said, they're a rare bird and you gotta put in the time though.

Maybe the big Muskie guys can help out with some pointers for this, but if their teeth get up against any normal tippet under 10 or 12 lbs or so, they'll just slice right through it. I've caught several Pickeral while FFing further upstream in Lebanon County...they're not plentiful, but a couple per year is normal for me. I'm never really targeting them specifically, just fishing normal 5/6 wt stuff and small to medium-ish streamers for Smallies and Sunfish. They're much smaller, and have much smaller teeth than Muskies, but even they would shred up the 10lb test mono tippet I use when WW fishing, to the point I'd have to put on new tippet after landing one.