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Fished on Sunday at the Little Lehigh, and got my butt kicked. I tried #20 black zebra midges, same size pheasant tail nymph, hare's ear nymph, and #18 Copper John - all with bead heads...nothing. So I was using a little strike indicator, and tried to vary the depth. Maybe I never went deep enough?

After trying a few pools, a few trout gave me another lesson in humility. I was wading and not 12 - 15 feet away from me, trout started rising at 3:00 pm, and they were taking bugs from the surface. Despite the chilly temps, I saw a few bugs on the surface. My thought was it was some type of trico? They were.really small.

I had #20 Al's Trico and tied one on. A whole bunch of casts later still no fish. A couple of times, trout rose and took something from the surface within feet of my fly drifting by. I seriously couldn't figure out what I was doing wrong.

Any advice guys? I want to go back and I redeem myself soon.

Despite my poor performance, I still felt lucky for two reasons. One, I got to see and fish the LL. It's really beautiful there. Secondly, my wife was hoping I'd finish painting an upstairs bedroom on Sunday. Given the choice between having a paintbrush or a fly rod in my hand...well, even a bad day on the LL beat the heck of of painting.

Any advice would be greatly appreciated.