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There are MAJOR differences between the 2 branches. Access on the EB & WB? Sure. The difference is that the WB is 'navigable' by PA rules. You can wade anywhere inside the high water mark and that goes for the entire length of the river. On the EB, you have far, far fewer access points. On the EB, the landower owns the river bottom even though you could run a steamboat down it 6 months of the year. You have to go onto the DEC website to see the access points and public fishing rights on the EB. If you venture onto the wrong property, you could get yelled at, stuff thrown at you or cited for trespassing (one guy is a lawyer). Those rules apply to the upper and lower EB. Some day, there will be a case that goes to court similar to the one that happened on the little J. If you want to get technical, dropping anchor on posted section is trespassing.

Can you wade the EB? It all depends on the flow. Over 1300-1400 cfs and you better be one strong SOB or they'll be yanking your body out in town. In the spring, it's typically flowing around 2000 cfs. You will still be able to wade but very, very limited.

The upper EB is like a large spring creek. Very flat, weeds, selective fish and heavy hatches. Went up with DaveS to show him the river last spring. We intended to drive up, look at the river and then head back to Hancock to float the main river. We pulled in at 9am.....pulled out to head home at 5:30. We never left a 300 yard section. You couldn't find your fly on the water the caddis and hendricsons were so thick. What made it next to impossible..... hendricksons, blue quills, olives, apple caddis, grannom, march browns, crane flies and iso's on the water. Last spring was very strange. Every fish was feeding on a different bug or stage of bug.