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Re: Fingerling stocking on Little Sandy? (Venango County)

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Quote:

Gone4Day wrote:

Excellent observation RLeeP. Geologists call it an incised valley. Streams naturally meander back and forth across the valley floor. If you actually look at the internal structure of floodplains, they inevitably have buried stream channels in them. The Miss. river for example has an incised valley that's 150 mile wide in places.

This isn't the case with LS. The stream has pretty much kept its course, with only minor horizontal shifts, in the 30 years I've been fishing it. As PennKev stated the stream bottom and pool structure has changed somewhat, especially over the past few years. Also mentioned -- the primary problem in the featureless shale bottom, flatwater section basically from the pumphouse down to the trestle. Many sections are classic scoured bottom.

At least a couple attempts have been made by OCTU over the last few decades to improve this section, with limited success.

I am a big fan of letting nature do its work, but in this case I honestly think that to improve it for any lasting period of time, serious heavy duty structures must be constructed involving bulldozing, gabions, jackdams, perhaps even concrete structures. (The best holding water is around the train trestle bridge and dam -- built at least 60 or 70 years ago.)