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Re: Estimating Water Depth

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find a pebble/ stone, drill a hole in it. tie 2ft of 5x to it. to that add 1ft of stren or fireline, add 1ft of 4x, add a loop and loop to leader.

cast your drift. you'll see how much of the 4x and leader go under.

this is trick i use on wide deep rivers. its not for pool hopping.

i was once fishing the Cocheco up in NH one winter and i thought i was fishing in 4-5ft and fishing my indicator accordingly. no joy. drilled the stone at home and went back the next weekend.

i was fishing 8-9ft !

changed my tippet - 3 fat stocked bows in about an hour.

i do occasionally walk a stream in the winter and 'plumb' a few deep holes and make notes on my phone. some of the 'white water' holes can be incredibly deep. 5ft instead of 3ft etc.

I use a stone instead of a sinker because its more natural and if i snag it no biggie - and i've lost a few to trees - which again i make a note to fish downstream of a lob upwards, which is a favorite place of big browns to hunker down. I'd also rather lose a stone than a couple of shot and/or a two tungsten (expensive) beaded nymph.

i like big prince nymphs (#12/#14) or a #16 egg in winter.

HTH.