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I was also obsessted with trying to stay as far away from good looking spots as possible and casting to them.

Low and slow, yeah, that's good. But the above should remain true. It is still about distance. But as far as possible doesn't mean FARTHER than possible.

I've always said this, and I do think that it's true. Wild trout in such places may seem more skittish. And when getting spooked, they dart away instead of sulking in place. But the "spooking distance" is not wildly different. If they spook at say, 15 feet, then they do so on Penns Creek or "Tiny unnamed tributary to ____". It's just that on Penns, 15 feet feels like you are right on top of them. On that little stream, sometimes 15 feet might as well be a mile.

So stay as far as you can, but not farther. Don't be discouraged when you spook a hole because the situation dictated that you had to get too close, just move on to the next hole. There will always be a few holes where you can keep a great enough distance. You'll catch fish there even as a beginner. Cover more water, and you'll find more of those holes. As time wears on, and you get better, you can fish from another foot or two away, which means that more holes become accessible to you. Nobody is capable of fishing ALL of them effectively. The difference between "expert" and "beginner" is being able to fish 50% of fishy places vs. 5% of fishy places.

And if you're pushing yourself, you never stop hooking crap you don't want to hook. You just do so trying to make more difficult casts, and get quicker at getting back in the game after the screw up.