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Topic: : Stream reports USGS

Re: Stream reports

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Quote:

rj32s wrote:

How are you able to distinguish these numbers and relate them to actual fishing conditions?

There isn't a easy answer.

As Dryflyguy explained, there are different stations and you learn the water levels from personal experience. He gave you the numbers for the Yough that are ideal (write them down and put them with your fishing equipment or where you will have them next time you want to go fishing). Also, the gage readings are *relative only to themselves*.....there's no standard across the state that allows you to look at the gage height on one stream and apply that to another gage on another stream. My advice is pick some of the waters you like to fish and become familiar with one gage on that water (small streams usually have only one gage, but bigger rivers may have more than one).

The rivers I fish frequently - I know the gage heights that are ideal based on many visits. Some streams or rivers have historical data that is graphed showing mean discharge rates or similar stuff and you can often get a feeling by looking at the graphs whether water levels are higher than normal. In the end, if you're confused, ask us here (as you obviously have already figured out) about a specific river and there's a good chance folks will tell you the numbers to look for.

Welcome to our online community - glad you're enjoying the forum.

DaveW