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I recently experimented with fishing high water with streamers. It seems like the best approach, because streamers are very visible to trout since they're so big and they move. I wasn't having any success even with large nymphs, so I decided to switch. I think a larger, heavily weighted, dark colored streamer is probably best. I was using a size 6 tungsten coned slumbuster. I imagine clouser minnows or other bucktail streamers would be too subtle if the water is muddy, but I don't know that for a fact.

I've read that trout will tend to look for slower water when the water is up, so I focused on the banks (water is slower along the bank, and I've heard people say that fish will sometimes hold there) and on fishing down deep in slower pools. I had one fish take my streamer in the time I was there, but I lost him when he jumped out of the water, shook his head, and spit the hook.