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I've fished some of the waters of North GA. I believe they were in Chattahoochee National Forest. But there is some good fishing in N. GA. you just have to do your homework.

As far as how I find streams. I used the GA Delorme Gazetteer and looked for streams north of the Big A, also asked at the National Forest Headquarters. They had the info I was looking for.

In PA I use the winter to look for streams or if I was on the road, before I retired, I'd do some drive by's and stop to have a look. During winter I'd take my Delorme, and make a list of streams from resources on the PFBC web site, looking for streams on wild trout lists, and then go out to check them out.

If the weather wasn't cold, I'd take my rod and fish a couple to get more detail. Also during the fall I also go out during the spawning season, late Oct. to Late Nov. and look for spawning trout. That also gives me an idea of how well the trout are doing in particular streams.

I then go back when the hatches are on to see if there are bugs to fish over and what they might be. But I'll almost never return to a stream more than once every couple of years, because I don't want others to see me fishing, and I don't want people to see me return again and again, it's a dead giveaway of a trout stream that may not take to much activity before it goes south.

There are people that return again and again, and to me that's something you just don't want to do, bring attention to those that might harvest or themselves draw attention.