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The real trick to steelhead is watching the weather and stream flows. You want to hit the stream as it's rising or when it's falling from a big rain. The steelhead are active and moving and can generally feed more often at those times. You'll learn that it's a game of sometimes a few hours of prime time up in Erie. The water levels can come and go and you can miss it. Here's some resources you can use.

<http://www.unclejohnselkcreekcamp.com/webcam/>

[http://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?site\\_no=04213152](http://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?site_no=04213152)

I like to fish it when it's between 100-200 on the walnut gauge.

Elk and Walnut are the bigger streams. They will take longer to muddy, but longer to clear.

The "mile" streams on the East side are smaller and will muddy quicker and clear quicker.

^^REMEMBER THIS.

Sometimes as the day goes on it will be beneficial to move from one stream to the next depending on flows and conditions. One may be high and muddy, and the other in perfect shape, and it may flip the next day.

Carry a bunch of eggs, nymphs and streamers in different sizes and colors. Patterns can vary and I honestly don't think it matters too much. Colors can turn on and off throughout the day so always be willing to change.

They'll be starting to run in the next few weeks if we're lucky, so get ready!