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I too believe it has to do with an exaltation of awesomeness. That said, I have never heard of "the Tionesta" although it would work if you drop the creek.

It also rolls off the tongue easier if the river or creek name is a compound word. Or multiple syllables....rather than one as in the Pine. But these do not seem to be hard and fast rules.

It certainly works better if the stream name is a noun or pronoun. not so much for adjectives or verbs.

Like Muddy Creek being called Then Muddy don't work, although I've heard it before. And Tulpohocken Creek being called the Tulpohocken but add the Creek and it loses the The. Change the name to Tully (sounds like an adjective) drop the Creek and it fits. The Tully. Add creek back and it fails. The Tully Creek.

In the end it seems to be a badge of honor if it can work. If not the stream has to earn its own merit.

Like Stinkhole Creek. It can be The Stinkhole (without Creek) or the Stink. But you would never say I am going to fish The Stinky.