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Re: Time of Year and Trout

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Nevertheless, trout can be caught even in icy conditions, esp brook trout in mountain streams.

In my experiences, browns handle the ultra cold water better than brookies do. Brookie streams often are really difficult in the dead of winter. You can still get a few, usually. I concur limestoneers are best, but even in freestoneers, the brown trout fishin seems to hold up the best.

It reminds me, a central PA stream that I took you to once, FI, I fished in January two years ago. In the class A brookie stretch (well upstream of where you fished), and where I typically got 90% brookies, I caught none. Not a single brookie, that is. But I did catch 8-10 nice brownies which were very aggressive, which marks my best brown trout day ever on that stream.

The riffles were ice free but the pools were solid iced over. I got most of them by letting the current take a bopper under the ice and into the pools and then working it back and forth. I saw a couple of brookies holding in ice-free places, but they cared nothing about me or my offerings. I even touched one with my hand before it slowly ambled into a root clump. They wouldn't even react.

It's an extreme example, but in winter, I generally focus on brown trout waters. Come about March I'll consider a brookie stream. They aren't good then, but you can reliably get a few, and by then I need a change up as the brown trout waters really limit the options. Really, the brookie fishing doesn't get truly good until late May.

IMO:

Brookies: Best month = July. Worst month = January.

Browns: Best month = May. Worst = July.