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The Logan Br. may not be a "dry fly stream" in the sense that you can go there and see actively working fish. But that doesn't mean much, at least IMO. I fished it 3 or 4 times a year all through the 80s and most of the 90s and usually did pretty well.

But more to the point, I'd say that 80-90% of the trout I've caught out of the Logan Branch were on top. Its like any other limestone of its size class or type I've fished in PA, WI, IA or VA or the limestone-like high volume spring creeks of Central Oregon like the Fall or Metolius. Most of the fish in these streams that are candidates for being caught on top hold very, very, very (that's probably enough verys...) tight to the banks. Much tighter than in the majority of PA freestones. If you can consistently get into that 1-3 inch zone along the banks with a decent drift, you can catch fish all day on small (#18) hare's ear parachutes jiggled as they drift past the holding lies or big (#10-12) deerhair ants and beetles whether you see risers or not. But getting into that zone is critical. There is about 30 mm difference between catching fish regularly and getting skunked

I've found this to be true on smaller limestones virtually everywhere. Of course, I also believe that fishing a big ant during the trike on the Little Lehigh is almost as effective as fishing a trike imitation. So, take it all for what it may be worth.....:)