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haha, funny you remember that. My brother and i are in fact freestone guys most of the time so we are used to spending alot of time in the water. We originally hail from Venango County in PA and it is filled with great freestone water loaded with wild trout.

Mike actually didnt say whether it was exactly a bad thing to stand in the stream (well during spawning times, yes) while fishing but he pointed out that it isnt really always necessary and that he seldom does so himself. I find that after being guided by him a couple times i dont see the need to do it in the spring creeks as much as I did before though. He made a great analogy while he was fishing the trico hatch with me... " you don't want to intrude on the fish". It stuck with me and definitely will affect how i make my approach from here on out.

As far a Spring Creeks in Ohio... there are 2 that i know of... one called Cedar Run over in the Mad River drainage that is entirely owned by a trout fishing club and one in Sandusky (near Cedar Point) called Cold Creek. That one is entirely private as well with the source and headwaters owned by the state who runs the Castalia fish hatchery there and various trout clubs owning most of the rest of it. it's source is an old landmark called the Blue Hole of Castalia (google it, youll find pictures), a spring that is about 100 yards wide and seems to have no bottom. Naturally these 2 streams do NOT have native populations of trout but as far as i am aware they both hold wild populations that extend from hatchery stock. There is a lottery chosen every year to fish the hedwaters area owned by the hatchery but unfortunately you have to keep what you catch and i dont eat fish so i have never entered.

So basically theyre not even worth the time unless you know someone. Ohio isnt known as a decent cold water fishery for a reason... haha. I'll just stick to south central PA. Sure, its 4 hours away for me but hey, at least it aint 5.