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Re: High water effect trout?

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Cold wrote:

...That aside, though, assuming your particular creek is fishable, but just somewhat high and has some color to it, it may actually improve the fishing.

Typically a color tint in the water, in my experience, makes the fish less spooky, and more willing to strike than clear. Faster/higher flow may convince more fish to get out of the main current and hang out in relatively calm pools near the banks, and stick closer to the bottom.

In these conditions, again, in my experience, dries are drastically less effective, and the name of the game is nymphs and streamers in the slow current areas. For those nymphs and streamers, I usually go bigger (by about 1 or 2 hook sizes) and darker or brighter than I normally might...black, purple, dark red, claret, dark brown, dark olive...or chartreuse, hot pink, neon green, fluorescent orange, etc. Estaz, metallic tinsel, flashabou and similar reflective materials will also help your fly to get noticed in the low visibility conditions too.

This is all general trends, though. Above all, don't be afraid to experiment.

In my short time fly fishing, I find everything that Cold wrote to be very true, especially the bold part above. Moderately high, stained water is my favorite water condition to fish in. I watched a guy I fished this past Monday repeatedly pull in fish on a bugger that were within 5 feet of him as he walked the water because the stain offered him very effective cover. It offers the fish comfort and protection from predators that fly overhead, but not from a phony bug that they think is food trolled through the water by a 2-legged beast.