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Five pounds? That's an ambitious goal.

If this is your genuine standard.... To be honest, your best bet for that would be to focus on stocked streams that are stocked by clubs or with PFBC breeder fish or private waters where fish are artificially fed.

Personally, if I may be so bold as to suggest an alternative, that you set the bar at 20 inches rather than five pounds. Twenty inch wild brown trout are a very real challenge but are common enough around here that you can set a realistic goal of catching them. A typical 20" wild trout in PA will weigh around 3 pounds by comparison. When you get the hang of targeting 20" browns you may eventually get a genuine five pounder.

With respect to where to go: focus on limestone streams or limestone influenced streams like Yellow Breeches or other medium to larger waterways; fish them at low light conditions in their lower reaches rather than headwaters; and stick to streamer flies. Have the discipline to ignore hatches and small rising fish and stick to big stuff. Rainy days and the colder months of the year can be your friend (esp in those downstream areas where bigger browns tend to reside). Skip those sunny days, however tempting, and choose to fish at night instead.