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I am by no means at all an expert on spring creeks and I am not claiming to be. But I feel as if I can offer some advice here. When I first started fishing limestoneers (big spring letort) I always felt like I was doing something wrong. I would tell myself, I am spooking everything, My leader is too heavy, my fly is wrong so on. To add to all this frustration I NEVER saw many fish.

Then one day I just said to myself you know I have been fishing since I was 4. I have caught fish by every method known on hundreds of bodies of water. I KNOW HOW TO FISH! Why was I stressing out so much when I got to these streams. The myth and legend of these streams is intimidating to newbies (me included) that people forget to just relax and fish. Once I just said to hell with it. If I spook every fish so be it. I am going to fish how I know and just have fun. Then and only then did I catch a few fish. Now I kinda think of it like bass fishing. Those trout are in those stinkin weeds its just my job to get them out. Also just like bass fishing you just cant be afraid to get hung up and loose flies. Its going to happen and at some point those streams are going to make you look like a fool.

Also as others have said scuds, Cress Bugs, Streamers is basically all you need. I know lots of gentlemen on this board get into dry fishing I just personally have not witnessed it. From my limited experience I'd say dont count on it. I have Fox's "This Wonderful world of trout" and Marinario's "Modern Dry Fly Code" and the streams they describe of lots of free rising fish is far from what my eye's have witnessed. But I suppose that is 70 years of development and Progress.

I also second the advice of fish slow, do not wade and observe.