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March is not a bad time, just hope the streams are ice free. Fall is the best time, but crowds are crazy. If I had to pick an ideal time, it would be Thanksgiving til the first of the year.

Flies, I usually use suckerspawn (pink, white, orange). Sometimes I throw on a bugger if they seem to be aggressive or will chase or the waters are a bit warmer. I also love fishing small nymphs (pheasant tail, hare's ear, black stones) and I will fish all my flies in sizes 18 - 14.

Definitely want to get a good drift/presentation. Don't be afraid to use some weight. I like fishing the faster runs and stay away from the deep slow pools, but that is my preference. I will walk around and move to find fish, I don't stay too long in one place.

Places to stay and eat; plenty of places in and around the city. The streams are not that far of a drive. Either mile streams or Walnut and Elk. Poor Richards is good, Avonia Tavern and Green Roof Inn are a few places near Elk and Walnut that I stop. I do usually just fish Elk and will fish Conneaut in the spring on the Ohio side.

As for rods, I have used a 5 wt., 6 wt. and 8 wt. I will use a different size pending on crowds, water flows, temps and time of year. Don't be afraid to use stronger tippet; start off stronger and if they are not taking, scale down.

GOOD LUCK AND ENJOY!

I want to add this, you are about to be sick. You are going to get the sickness of always wanting to catch these chromers. Have fun and enjoy.