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Re: Valley Creek and Strike Indicators

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wbranch wrote:

bsullivan wrote;

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It seems obvious now that 15' of leader/tippet is far too much. Duh.

It all depends on where you are fishing, the clarity of the water, and whether or not the trout are ultra selective and spooky. I rarely fish a leader less than 12' and often fish a 16' leader. But I fish large rivers where 40' - 50' casts are normal and often I might throw further. I've never fished Valley Creek but from what I've read it is a smaller water. On streams no more than 25' wide and one with a canopy of trees overhead you will do fine with a 9' 5X leader or maybe even a 7 1/2' tapered leader will suffice. You will know when you see how the trout react to your leader length. If you make a good cast that lands softly and the fish bolt you probably need more than a 7 1/2' leader.

It can get really overgrown up there, but you can find some very rewarding fish up there. I've caught and seen some large browns. I'll take a 6'6 2 wt for valley.