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There have been some thought provoking threads recently about best or favorite trout waters. I've been on the record as being of the opinion that Spring Creek is the state's best trout water (and many of you agreed) or the one we'd most like to fish.
Blessed as we are with such world class trout fishing here in PA we have a (deserved) reputation as a great destination for trout enthusiasts. Nevertheless, I have decided over the years that some of our famous, destination waters don't quite live up to the hype. I'll bet you agree.
So: Which "famous" PA trout stream do you think is the most overrated? I'm inclined to believe that a big part of what makes a stream overrated is hype in fishing magazines over many years. Hype that promotes a view of the creek that a visitor will likely find far from the truth if they visit. By this criteria I think many would find Letort overrated but I think Letort is our state's great legacy trout stream and it certainly wouldn't make my list. After giving this some thought my vote for most overrated PA stream:
Spruce Creek.
Spruce has been the subject of so many glowing magazine articles for as long as I can remember talking about the fabulous fishing there with Jimmy Carter and others frequenting this "historic" stream. While I happen to really like the short Penn State section, we all know that almost all the stuff published about Spruce is based on fishing private water (esp with recent years -SRC et-al). I'm frankly getting tired of glowing articles about Spruce.
Honorable mention for runners up: Yellow Breeches, Kettle Cr, and Tulpehocken. I certainly don't mean to offend fans of these waters (I'm a Yellow B regular who fishes it almost weekly) but I think these streams often just don't live up to their hype.
So what stream gets your vote for this dubious distinction?