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The most important bit of advice I can give you for wild brown trout in skinny water is to watch. Slow down and watch them. Watch the bugs, and watch the water. You'll learn more doing that than you ever will by frothing the water and spooking them. Once you have an idea of what they're doing, approach carefully and execute your plan.

In heavier water, you don't have to worry about spooking them as much, but knowing what they are doing still helps.

For wild brookies, I approach it like golf. Every hole in the stream is similar to a hole on the golf course. Stop, plan your angles and your attack, and try to land the damn fly in the water. It doesn't matter what it is, just that they don't have to move far from cover to get it.

In all cases, stay downstream when possible and keep your profile low. I don't worry much about drifting a fly line over fish, but I DO worry about landing a line on top of them. There is a big difference between the two, so keep that in mind.