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I'm assuming you're talking about small brushy streams here, not big limestoners or something.

1. Keep your distance as much as possible. Being a better caster is half the battle.
2. If possible, approach from below. If not, #1 takes on more significance.
3. Stay low. Whether you crawl, crouch, etc. depends on your knees and back. But nothing spooks fish faster than something overtop of them. Watch the rod too, high movement is bad.
4. If they'll rise for a dry (time of year and water level dependent), then you can usually fish at a greater distance with dries, especially around brush. But don't feel bad to go underneath again if you come across a big, deep hole.
5. Water level. You want it clear, and most of the mountain streams are tough to muddy. But you want a decent level to it too, low water situations are tough for anyone.
6. Keep moving. Don't throw more than 2 or 3 casts to any one location. If you spook a hole, don't get upset, just go to the next hole. I end up fishing miles of water in a day on these streams.
7. As far as locating fish, #1 Current, #2 Cover #3 Depth (depth can be cover). They don't like still water, nomatter how deep and impressive it may look. If you find a combination of cover and an undercut bank, a log, a tree root system, etc., thats where they'll be.
8. If you are catching fish regularly and come across the most perfect pool in the stream, and there's no fish or sign of life, that pool is inhabited by a big brown trout. Go ahead and try, but you're wasting your time. If you want him, come back at night with big streamers, and don't shine a flashlight over the water.

Like Jay said, slow down, figure out your attack before doing it.

Buy Joe Humphries DVD "dry fly fishing in tight brush". Best thing I ever did.