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Re: Wild Trout

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wildtrout2 wrote:

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dryflyguy wrote:

One other thing I'd add-

As I approach a pool, I always take a few casts at the bottom - downstream side - of it, even if it's quite shallow. Sometimes there are trout there, and it's a good idea to try to catch them first, before spooking them up into the deeper sections. Then the whole pool is spooked.

I've made this mistake more times than I care to remember

While all of the advice given so far has been great, I think this is one of the very most important items. But, THE single most important item is to fish upstream. If my only access is from the top of a stream, I'll always hike downstream away from the creek and fish my way back upstream. ALWAYS.

Good point Wild, but you may find that being a peeping Tom sometimes helps, especially when fishing an unfamiliar stream. I nearly always head downstream and peek at each hole and run from the bank. I take mental notes on my hike downstream of the fish and their holding areas, rises, cover, flow, hatches, ways to approach, unproductive sections to skip, etc. I then turn around and fish back upstream. I try not to, but even if I spook some fish on the way down, they are settled down by the time I return to fish the spot. The recon on the way down gives me at least some sort of game plan on how to fish the stream. Also at the end of the day the hike is shortened since I'm constantly working closer to my vehicle, and I can fish later since the hike back is shortened.