

Major Streams Guide:



Raystown Branch of the Juniata River:

This is a large freestone stream that is stocked from Bedford Borough all the way to its headwaters in Somerset County, PA.

This 20+ miles of water is easily accessible from Route 30 West and Route 31 West. There are some sections that pass through private property so be aware of posted areas.



The lower stretches will become too warm and low in the summer months to hold trout in all but the deepest sections along Route 31. The upper reaches, near New Baltimore, stay cooler but get quite low during dry summers. East of Bedford, along Route 30, the stream widens and gets warmer providing opportunities for smallmouth bass.

Flies to consider are Blue Quill, Quill Gordon, Light Cahill and Yellow Drake as well as nymphs and streamers. Medium weight rods and chest waders are recommended.



"...on the fifth day, God created trout...man came later."

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General Stream Locations



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Bobs Creek:

Bobs Creek is a small freestone stream, located in the northeast section of Bedford County. It is home to a population of stocked and stream-bred brown trout through much of its length as well as native brook trout in its upper reaches.

The heavily canopied upper section, with cooler summertime water temperatures, lies within Blue Knob State Park and State Game Lands #26. This section is accessed by Route 869 that leads out of the town of Pavia. The stream then parallels Monument Road for about 4 miles. Some hiking is required to fish the upstream areas which include the Class A trout water above the junction with Rhodes Run.



The larger lower section that lies below Pavia runs along Rt. 869 for most of its length before it enters into Dunnings Creek. This section will get warmer in the summer months and can become too warm for trout to hold over. Much of the lower section runs through private property so show consideration to posted areas. Spring and Fall provide the best fishing opportunities although winter fishing can be surprisingly good. Fluctuating water levels and temperatures make summer fishing temperamental.

Blue Winged Olives, Blue Quill, Caddis and Stone Flies along with their appropriate nymphs would be a good starting point. Try Terrestrials as the weather warms. Shorter, lighter weight rods are ideal for this stream and especially so on the forested upper regions of the stream. Hip waders will accommodate most stream conditions.



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Cove Creek:

This is a small fertile limestone stream that meanders through agrassy valley of working farms.

This classic meadow stream contains stocked, stream-bred and holdover trout that thrive on early season hatches including Blue Winged Olives, Sulphurs, Light Cahill and Green Drakes. Their nymphs and emergers will work well when no trout are rising. Sow bugs and cressbugs are a good bet near the tributaries and headwaters.

Best access to Cove Creek, south of Route 30 (near Everett, PA) is to take SR 2023 (Ashcom) to SR 2021 at Ott Town. Stay on SR 2017 to Diehl and Koontzville Rd. which connect with Route 326 above Rainsburg. While much of the stream is posted, some stretches are open and some landowners may give permission when approached.



Light to Medium weight rods (3 to 5 wt.) would work well on this water. Most of the stream can be covered with hip waders.

Wills and Little Wills Creek:

Little Wills Creek is a small well stocked freestone stream and is readily accessible. It parallels Route 96 from Bard Hollow flowing south to the town of Hyndman. At Hyndman it joins its namesake, Wills Creek.

These streams afford a variety of topography, especially Wills Creek, a large stream that can be somewhat difficult to wade because of large boulders and heavy currents.

Be advised that Wills Creek is a swift, rocky stream that attracts whitewater enthusiasts when water levels are high; especially between Fairhope and Hyndman.

It can be accessed in Hyndman

and at several points along Gooseberry Avenue as well as the parking lot at State game Lands 104 several miles north of Hyndman. Some access points have changed due to railroad right of way restrictions.

Slate Drakes, large Stone Flies, Blue Quills, Sulphurs and Blue Winged Olives along with their appropriate emergers and nymphs would be a place to start. Streamers and Terrestrials should also be considered.

Little Wills can be fished with hip waders but chest waders would be more appropriate for Wills Creek. Medium weight rods (4-6 wt.) should be ideal.



Yellow Creek:

This is Bedford County's premier limestone stream with 10 miles of stocked water as well as many holdover and stream-bred trout.

The upper meadow section, above Loysburg, resembles a classic limestone stream flowing through pastures. This is private water and access to this area is very restricted.

From Loysburg downstream, Yellow Creek changes character as it loses elevation and flows through the Loysburg Gap along Route 36. with large boulders, deep pools and fast riffles this area provides some great lies for trout. Private homes and cottages border the stream through this section so respect private property when accessing this area.



A delayed-harvest fly fishing only area can be accessed by turning off of Route 36 onto SR1024 at the New Frontier Restaurant. Follow this road for several miles and watch on the right for a small sign pointing towards the designated parking area. The parking area is several hundred yards back this gravel access road. The parking area and the mile of special regulation stream is funded and maintained by the Yellow Creek Coalition and the local land owners. Signage designates the fly fishing section. Be aware that property above and below the fly fishing zone is privately leased with highly restricted access. It will be marked. You will want to avoid those sections.

Yellow Creek follows Route 26 north towards the town of Hopewell and there are access points along this section that can provide some good fly fishing as well.

Early season hatches include Blue Winged Olives, Sulphurs, Green drakes, Stone Flies and Caddis. Later in the season, Trico, Slate Drake and Terrestrials can be productive.

Medium weight rods (4-6 wt.) work well and, except for low summer flows, chest waders are preferred over hip waders. A wading staff is also a good idea due to stream bottom conditions.

