

Before you cast



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- Did I stop and watch for ten seconds?
- Is the water under 68°F (20°C)?
- Can I see a food lane?
- Can I see cover or depth?
- Is there slower water near faster water?
- Can I approach without standing in the lie?
- What is my first target?
- What is my second target if the first cast fails?

Seven Places To Check

- Undercut banks
- Current seams
- Rocks, boulders, and pocket water
- Riffles and broken water
- Drop-offs and ledges
- Wood, roots, and shade
- Tailouts

The Rule To Remember

Trout want food, shelter, and rest close together.

When those three overlap, slow down.

Quick Lie Score

Add one point for each:

- Food lane
- Soft edge
- Cover
- Escape route
- Clean cast

Fish 4-5 point spots first.