Fishing for mountain trout in the Summer

Skip the deep holes. They were good in the Winter, but in the lower-water warmer months, look for trout to be in faster pocket water and riffles. Remember that they need highly oxygenated water, but warming water holds less oxygen, so target more bubbly areas.

Skinny water = spooky trout

- Lose the bobbers, they spook fish in low clear water.
- Try a dry-dropper instead. Tie on a dry fly, like a yellow stimulator or foam beetle. Then knot some tippet onto the hook bend and tie on a lightly-weighted nymph or soft hackle.
- Or... try classic upstream nymphing without any indicator (a sighter on your leader is useful) using a small nymph or soft hackle. It takes a little practice to manage the line and detect strikes, but you'll get the hang of it. This can be very effective, stealthy and fun!