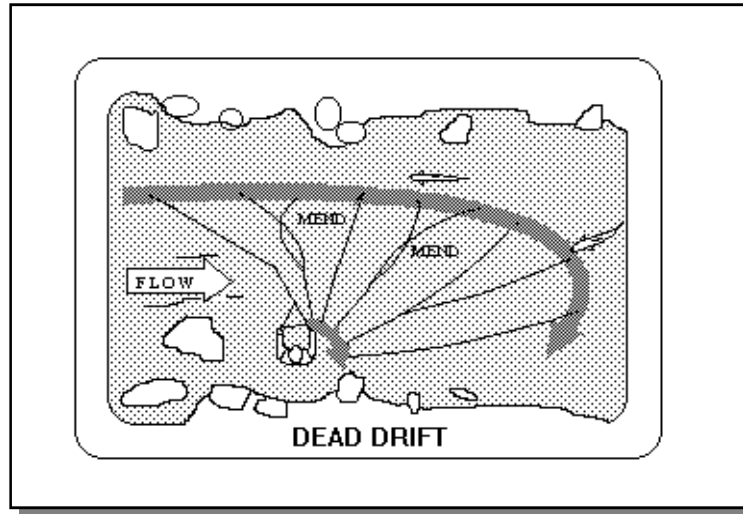


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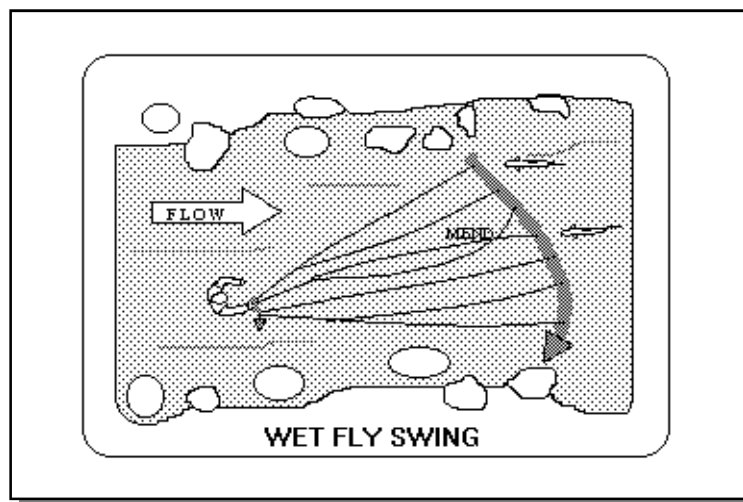
DEAD DRIFT

The most common technique for stream fishing for trout and other species. Casting upstream and allowing the line and fly to drift freely in the currents, the fly is presented to the fish in the most natural manner possible. Mimicking the way the vast majority of food comes to the fish, the Dead Drift is the technique of choice for imitating insects and other food items drifting helplessly in the currents.



WET FLY SWING

While the Dead Drift is best for imitating food items adrift in the currents, the Wet Fly Swing is best for imitating food items capable of swimming through the currents such as minnows, sculpins, leeches, etc. By casting down and across and holding the line tight, the current makes the line arc across the width of the stream. This presents an actively swimming fly to all of the fish in a given area at once, allowing the angler to effectively “cover” the water with each cast. By taking a step or two downstream after each cast and casting again, the angler presents the fly to new fish with each cast.



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