INVESTIGATES We find very few invertebrates in this stretch. It may be that water quality is bad during part of the year, so that fish boxes come through often and rearrange the habitat.

ACCESS Near Greenwood Road in Sabraton
WATER QUALITY This creek is clean and holds the remaining AMD from the Richard mine in Deckers. However, we often find high bacteria levels at this site.
FISH A pool near the mouth usually contains sunfish, large mouth bass, and minnows. Larger fish may migrate from the Mon when Deckers is not too bad.

INVESTIGATES The diverse benthic community indicates good water quality. An interesting creature from this area is the tiny Isonychiidae mayfly. Sediment from construction activities is degrading the benthic habitat.

ACCESS Near Trail bridge crossing Deckers Creek behind Kroger
WATER QUALITY Deckers Creek is at its worst in this area, especially in spring from the AMD from the Richard mine in Deckers. Violent flow and deposition coat the creek bed.
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ACCESS This tributary crosses Tyne Road near Route 7. We sample at the bridge near the mouth.
WATER QUALITY Tyne Run does not have damage by acid mine drainage. However, it often has a slight tannin smell and high total alkaline levels.
FISH We usually find more fish per acre here than anywhere else. They are mostly just one or two inches long, and are usually creek chub and brock tone bass.
INVESTIGATES This site holds the record for the largest number of crayfish caught.

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ACCESS We take our sample right under the Route 7 bridge in Dellslow. The fish transect runs to the top of a nice hole upstream.
WATER QUALITY The water is usually very good here, often excellent. However, we observed one bad winter when the water was acid. Fish were fewer next that year.
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