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Do your best to find someone in your area to teach you. That's what I did... and don't tell anyone, but I still ask questions like a 7 year old when I'm fishing with someone who's been around the block a few more times. Fly fisherman love to talk about fly fishing. That's the best advice I can give you.

I'm 22 as well. I can say that starting young is a good idea. I've talked to some older guys who regret not starting young, since they found it's such a special sport.

Read the internet alot too, and post any of your questions here. My first fly rod was a \$40 deal from Dick's paired with a \$20 reel and some cheap line. I bought a box of generic dry flies and learned by fishing for bluegill. After I met a good fishing mentor, I graduated to getting a TFO (temple fork outfitters) combo paired with an Okuma reel for \$100 (they were still a new company so it was cheaper). You can still get that same combo for about \$140 at Cabela's. It's still my go-to rod, but I changed out the reel.

I learned to fly fish on a few year plan... First I started taking both spinning and fly gear. I'd spin fish all day and when the evening rises started switched over. Eventually I started making special fly fishing only trips with the guy who taught me. This is how I learned to nymph and fish streamers. By this point I could officially catch trout in most conditions, so the spinning rod became obsolete. It's four or five years later, and the spinning rod is collecting dust, only to be brought out for opening day parties with old friends.

Once you get that far you'll probably get interested in tying or rod building or something like that, and we'll be here to answer your questions again. 😊