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A few other things I'd add to the good info already posted:

Splashy riseforms usually indicate a fish taking emergers.

I always look for the ones that are sipping quietly. They're eating the bugs on top. And, yes, the larger fish make the gentlest riseforms.

One big problem I've seen with beginners fishing dries, is having too much slack in the fly line - resulting in many missed strikes.

After I make a cast, I quickly pull in this slack line with my left hand, and then lower the rod tip. Then when the fish takes, I've got a good quick hookset.

When fishing small flies, I always try to stay below the fish. Then the fly is pulled back into it's mouth, resulting in more hookups.

However, there are times when a downstream presentation is the only way to go. In that case, you need to allow a slight pause before the hookset. This allows the fish to turn it's head downward, and increases hookups.

In my experience, dry flies need to float well and ride high on the waters surface. Flies that ride low, or are partially submerged, usually don't cut it.