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Re: Casting accuracy and distance - am I doing OK for a newbie?

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Gotta learn to walk before you run.... I figure that's what lawn casting is for.... taking my first steps in a controlled environment. You have to get the feel for picking up the line and loading the rod don't ya? (and yes, I agree that it does feel different on water). Unless I miss my guess, the flycast is all about feel and technique.... you have to feel the line through yer rod and then know the technique to put it where you want it.

Where I'm practicing I have the low hanging branches, wood piles, tree lines... in short, all the stuff you've all mentioned...except the water. I have just gotten my "feel" to the point that I'm comfortable adding this stuff into the mix. I figure that - casting wise - I just finished preschool and once I get out on the water more I'll be in kindergarten.... When I get out there and need to deal with figuring out where to try to put the fly, what kind of fly, the presentation, currents, mending line, watching for strikes, will my knot hold up, etc. the last thing I want to have to think about is "back to 2 o'clock and stop... forward to 10 o'clock and stop.... now point the rod tip..."