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Well after planning to get into FFing for the last year and never finding the time to actually get on the water, I told myself that this would be the year. Couldn't make it for the opening weekend, but last night, I decided to do a spur of the moment quick trip to a section of Lycoming about 5 minutes from home. I've never fished this section before in my spin fishing days, and really don't see many people fishing it when I'm running down there, but I thought I would give it a try. It's a fairly narrow section of stream (about 15yds in some spots up to about 40yds in others), and relatively shallow, most places I could wade straight across never going above my thighs. It's an area with little vegetation around most sections, just timber left over from high water.

Anyways, I only had about 45 minutes, so it was going to be a quick trip. Now, mind you this was only my second time CASTING a flyrod, and first time ever fishing open water with one. I learned a lot, including:

-I'm terrible at it

-My casting needs SERIOUS work

-Roll casts aren't as easy as the videos make it look

-I'm terrible at it 🙄

I didn't catch anything, but I enjoyed just wading and casting. I fished mostly with a greenie weenie, because I'm pretty much new to all of this, and I felt it was a safe bet since I didn't see any fish rising. However, there was definitely a lot of bugs on the water (dare I say a hatch?). I really tried catching one, but couldn't, haha, but the best way to describe it would be like a thinner bodied moth. Almost a large version of a trico (from what I've researched). Any idea what his might have been? Oddly enough, there were NO rises, but that leads to my first major question.

As obvious as this may seem to some, is there literally stretches of water that won't hold fish? I only fished about 200yds (an not continuous) of the stream), and I just felt like there were a few sections that MAY have a fish holing up in a pocket, but the shallowness kind of had be turned off. When I start out fishing more water here locally, I would prefer to avoid the known holes a bit, and explore on my own, but are there really only specific spots that will hold fish? I know this sounds so very elementary, but you have to understand my experience on moving water is limited to spin fishing stocked holes, and of course lake fishing.

Second question pertains to my casting. Wow, am I bad. I was able to get a few decent forward casts, but on two occasions (almost embarrassed to admit this), my leader/fly hooked back on my line body and/or my rod tip. Obviously this is probably mostly form related, but any ideas as to what specific problem it might be? I was

fishing a Cahill kit which already has a lengthy leader tied on, and I thought that might have something to do with it, but I didn't want to cut it and replace it with my other leaders unless needed.

Anyways, I had a blast even though I was terrible in every aspect, and I'm sure I'm going to have a ton more questions.