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Re: Made it out! Quite a few questions.
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> mgh-pa wrote:
> 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.

Yes. "Reading the water" can be a large part of catching fish. In general, fish hold in the deeper areas relative to the rest of the surrounding waters, in moderate current with some cover or structure. Here's a link to a great article to read:

http://www.midcurrent.com/articles/bo ... nbauer_reading_water.aspx

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> 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.

The most important thing to remember in casting a fly line is to stop on the backcast...let the line straighten out...and cast forward. the line will follow whatever the tip of your rod is doing.
Cast/STOP!.....straighten Cast/STOP!.....straighten. Here area couple of videos that might help:

http://www.ehow.com/video_2353475_fly-casting-basics.html

http://www.ehow.com/video_2355117_cas ... shing-tips-beginners.html

http://www.tightlinesflyshop.com/?cat=17

Perhaps someone in the Central PA area can help you get started. Good luck.