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Re: How long of a leader?

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in my eyes, this is truly subjective to your casting stroke. I go by rod length. My 7' 6" 3 wt. throws 9 ft. of leader just fine, but throws a 7.5 ft. leader better. Move down to my 2 wt. and I'm stuck with a max of 7.5 ft. of leader.

Learning to fish dries w. a 9 ft. five weight was the death of me. Had I learned on a smaller rod, the transition to longer rods would have served me well.

My friends all make fun of me, but whether I'm fishing a small mountain stream or a more marginal one, I'm most comfortable using a six weight. I can still drop a 20 midge with little disturbance, and the rod does all the work, especially punching through wind, and throwing big stimulators.

Find out what works for YOU.