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Re: Third time out...more questions.

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Pittflyguy wrote:

I am not a trout expert, but my thoughts are for a new fly fisherman that nymphing or stripping/dead drifting a wooly bugger might be a better way to (no pun intended) get your feet wet.

I find it easier to catch fish below the surface than on it especially if you are a newbie. I am sure some may disagree with me, I just find it to be a bit more forgiving.

I've heard that opinion..and i can see that it makes sense, but for some reason I had the opposite experience. I fished only dry flies and caught fish only on dry flies for the first 2 years of my fly fishing. Wasn't until my 3rd year that I caught my first trout under the water.

Just to offer the countering point of view: Fishing dry flies in the beginning is more instructional as it allows you to see your drift more obviously - allows you to see what is going right and wrong. It is more educational to the new fly fisherman as he can see whether his drift is drag free or not, learn about currents, drag, mending, etc and everything is visible. If he starts with nymphing, these things are less obvious and you have the additional dimension of depth, and the additional casting hassles of weight and sometimes indicators to deal with. Much easier to cast well with a dry fly :)