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Fishing from the opposite bank from most of the fishing pressure is always a good idea to try. As Pad posted, it's not as easy to cast if your right handed and casting to your right tight to the cover behind you. You can cast with your arm across your body or roll cast in those situations. I'm practicing casting with my left hand to handle those situations – it's not so easy. Those of us who have been fly fishing for a long time tend to forget how difficult it is to learn to cast. Try casting with your opposite hand, and your back to square one with your fly casting, at least for me.

Where cover or wading makes it impossible to fish the opposite bank, learning to cast across the stream and mend to get a good drift is a good plan B. I watch fisherman fish a stretch and note that almost all of them fish close in. Those who do try to cast across the stream usually drag their fly through the run. The same applies for tough lies or complex currents in the stream. Most fishermen either don't fish it, or don't fish it well. A lot of my fish come from the opposite bank or in tough lies with respect to current or an obstruction, when fishing through heavily pressured areas. Learning to read the current and mend to get a good drift pay off well. IMO, the best way to long line nymph is with a strike indicator. Lift as much line as you can off the water and mend to the indicator, as you would to a dry fly, to get a drag free drift.