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Here's a reasonable combo...

<http://tinyurl.com/2kpjdv>

It comes with all of your line and backing, as well as a few flies.

I'd get that for starters, as well as some knotless tapered leaders. 9' 5x should do the trick for that.

Get some spools of tippet, 3x through 6x. There are always debates about which brands are best there, so just pick one. I prefer orvis superstrong. When buying tippet, be sure to buy all of your spools of the SAME BRAND. That way, you will know that they will blood knot to each other nicely.

I'd also get a few dozen hare's ear and pheasant tail nymphs, elk hair caddis, and adams flies. Aside from that, I'd find a local fly shop to get more specific patterns. I'd also pick up some panfish flies and find a farm pond to practice.

A good pair of hemostats or forceps, and perhaps a wheel of split shot will also come in handy.

That's all I can think of that you will definitely need to get started.

You will be fine to carry your gear in a small bag, but if you find you enjoy it, prepare to invest in a good vest or chestpack and some waders.

Once you've got your stuff, post it all here. We can help you to rig it and get you ready to get some fish. You'll need to learn a few knots and whatnot, and this is the best place to do it.

EDIT:

Valley is TOUGH. Be prepared to get skunked a good bit, but it's worth it. I'm in west philly and fish it often.