Subject: : Warm Water & Salt Water Fly-Fishing
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Re: Float Tubes
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I have two and I love them...I have fished them in the middle of winter with neoprenes and would not do that with my newer kayak because I know I will get wet. There is now beeter way to fish a lake than with a tube. You don;t spook fish and I have had trout swim between my legs in complete ignorance of the tube. If you want to work the bank you just float along, accurately casting across your body and could do a complete circumference this way if you wished. Feeling lazy, strip out as much line as you wish, put on a big bugger and just troll, you'll pick up fish. While not very fast they are extremely maneuverable and you can just spin around and fish the other direction immediately. I rehabbed a surgically repaired knee in on a few years back. Light enough to carry a couple hundred yard to secret pond or just bungi it to the roof and be off.

As far a sRLees comments, he did not inflate it properly and had no idea what he was doing in my opinion.

I own 2 bucks bags tubes. I lived 2 block from where the little old ladies in Boise used to stitch them together and got them for a song. You can pick up a decent tube for less than a 100 now. In PA you must wear a life jacket which (while never a BAD idea) is kind of cumbersome. They do not need registered or even a launch permit. There were places in Idaho such as silver creek where no boats were allowed but tubes were which I believe speaks to their minimal impact. Even places where wading was prohibited, they were allowed. I would NOT use one in moving water. The are extremely comfortable. I sit in mine as i would sit at the dinner table. Leaning forward and working of the stripping apron.

Hooking into large fish will take you for a short ride but its kind of neat. My buddy and I were fishing about 25yards apart on a lake when we hooked into several 20 inch plus rainbows. On my first strike I turned around to yell one of those thing you yell when you hook a fish to find that he was over 100 yds away being dragged aroud by his own fish. Had another friend who used to duck hunt out of his. The birds didn;t seem to mind him being ther on the water in the tube and flew right in. He said th best part was the tube and the water absorbed nearly all the recoil of the shotgun and he said it was the firs time he had duck hunted without a sore shoulder.

Just remember you will always be traveling backward. when fishing, when entering and exiting the water. You do have to peek over your should er occasionally when other boats with electric motors are around because they can sneak up on you.

The one thing you will learn and it comes in handy later is to get your backcast up high and off the water.

They are great for fishing flies or spinning.