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Ok, I suppose it was just that particular fish/body of water, because I hooked up with this carp in a medium sized stream today and was blown away by its power. After I set the hook, I probably had 8' of line at my feet pinched into my rod with my right hand. The thing took line so fast it gave me one hell of a friction burn. It took me 5-8 mins to bring this 21" 8lb(guessing on the weight) to hand. I am pretty fortunate to have landed it, because there were several brush piles and fallen trees that it went into and could have easily broke me off if it had snagged my line. I obviously did my best to steer the fish away from such obstructions, but on 4x tippet and a 5wt, I felt slightly outgunned. Spectacular runs and an overall awesome fight. Yeah you guessed it, im hooked on carp right now.

Question about playing the fish, can you over play a carp? Im using slightly lighter than recommended tackle, but I still fought this fish aggressively, so I know I didnt over play this fish-- gave me a healthy face full of water when I gingerly cradled it for a release. However, I have seen fish that are easily a foot longer and much thicker than this guy, so those are the ones that I fear to overplay.

Patrick

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