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Me diving into the chest box was due to back soreness. My vest had way too much in it. So I did it as a total vest replacement. I should have made the jump much sooner.

The issues are the little stuff. My box holds all my flies, leader wallet, and a few thingamabobbers. It has a ring to hold my floatant on the outside. License holder is pinned on the strap. Leader straightener and nippers on a zinger attached to the strap. Forceps clip to a strap.

Tippet, phone, keys, shot, can of snuff, and camera were the remaining problems. Plus lunch for the all-day trips. I loop the camera around the wader strap and tuck it under the waders, seems to work ok, though I'm a little slow to get it into action. I use the chest pocket in my waders for everything else except the lunch. But if it interferes with the box or you have no pocket, you need a fanny or something. Be careful with a fanny at belt level, it's real easy to wade over it, so watertight is good. Because my wader pouch works fine with the box, I forgo the fanny most of the time. But it does kind of narrow my wader choices, as many don't have pouches, and many others are too high and would interfere with the box. I need it on my upper stomach, laying on my gut, lol.

I do use a fanny if it's an all day trip and I wanna take lunch/drinks. Most of my all day trips where I can't return to the car are on small water, so the wading too deep issue is minimized.