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Re: Approaching A Spring Creek Volume 1: Picking your battles and controlling your wake
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Well, for one, I outlined an approach, a philosophy of fishing. I personally most often lean towards that philosophy, but I too often violate it. For no other reason than I feel like it. Sometimes I choose to test myself in different ways.

And yeah, you hit the nail on the head with saying it depends how you define success. Size and numbers? Satisfaction of the chase in catching a difficult fish? How about satisfaction of discovering an unknown stream? Or the success of timing a hatch? Beauty of the spot you are fishing? None of those are invalid measures of success. It's up to you! Most of us have some combination of such factors, we just vary on how heavily we weight them.

And frankly, it's different on every different day. Variety is the spice of life. Today I feel like doing this. Tomorrow, I feel like doing something else.

And you ask how do you get better? Well, get better at what? That goes back to how you define success. But nomatter what your philosophy, absolutely, every day you are challenging yourself and getting better. The only thing that changes is the nature of the challenge. Is it choosing the correct approach, wading into position, and making a difficult cast, like Sal's example? Or is it predicting when to fish where? That's no easy thing. There's flow rate, water color, temperature, season, time of day, structure of the stream, hatches, and who knows what else to consider. Absolutely, you get better at predicting that kind of thing. The "easy" streams aren't always the same. There will come a time when Sal's stream is the place to be. Knowing when that will be is a skill that you can develop, just as you can develop skills on how to approach a hole.