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I bought a very useable new Tenkara rod for \$75.00; I'm OK if it doesn't have a TenkaraUSA label on it.

You can essentially duplicate all the functions of a Tenkara rod with an 11' 3Wt rod, perhaps not quite as simply, and with a little extra weight because of the reel. But you can't duplicate all the functions of a western 11' 3Wt rod with a Tenkara rod, as a western combo is certainly more versatile. However, I don't think anyone is trying to argue that (or if they are, they're arguing from a pretty weak position). The Tenkara rod has given me the ability to cast the most delicate presentations; this could very well be because a western rod and shooting line amplifies my lack of casting prowess, and perhaps a Tenkara with a fixed line minimizes it. A Tenkara rod also allows you to feel the most subtle of takes because your line is attached directly to the rod.

In the end, for me, its just another tool in the arsenal and a different kind of challenge to try and sometime eventually master, on any given stream and fishing condition. Seems I must be one of the few moderate Tenkara rod owners; everyone else either seems to love them or hate them and I really just like changing things up every now and again. I wonder how many haters have actually fished them?

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gfen wrote:

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Smike wrote:

Easy, about another 2 feet, no guides, something to attached a fixed line to at the end, and oh at least \$350 less than a 'mid' grade fly rod.

So, then, what you're saying is the fly rod is actually more useful by dint of having guides and an actual line I can extend, or shorten, beyond the fixed length?

So, without the mystical zen qualities all you've really got is a non-adaptable piece of equipment, eh?

Oh, but it costs much less? Yet, oddly enough, I can go to Cabela's and buy an 11' fly rod for \$199, \$40 more than the cheapest one from TenkaraUSA, which I think is fair enough considering the work involved

in all those pesky guides.

So, uhm, I'm confused... its not really any cheaper, it sure is alot less flexible and I don't have to deal with any extra nonsense from *Western* ( 🤪 ) fishermen.

Yep.