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Rods, I typically use a 7 1/2 footer. I also have options at every half foot above that up to and including 9 foot. There are inevitably times during every single outing that I wish I had a 6 footer, and later that I wish I had a 9 footer.

Shorter rods allow you to do more in tight places. They're also easier to carry through streamside brush. But when it gets REALLY tight, longer rods bow and arrow cast better.

I've always liked fairly stout rods, overlined. That 7 1/2 footer is a 4/5 wt rod, and I throw a 7 wt line on it. I'm not alone in that approach, but there are plenty of very good fishermen who think differently too, so take it for what it's worth. You have to find your "style". And in the end, if you like using a 2 wt, then use a 2 wt. It may or may not cost you a few fish, but who cares. Personally, I don't get all excited about the fight from a 6" brookie. But I very much enjoy the places where they live, and the challenge of getting a fly into tough places without spooking them.

You typically cover a LOT of water during these outings, and end up far from the car. And the more people you have along the more water you collectively cover. Before and after lunch usually does not work, it limits you too much. Your gonna have a drive and a hike to get where your gonna fish. If you gotta be back for lunch, by the time you get there, it's time to go. There are exceptions, but they are exceptions. If it's a single day thing, then the meeting time would probably be EITHER morning or evening, but not both. Or you could make it an overnight event at a campground or something.