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Generally, dries are probably EASIER to fish than nymphs. You can see the fly, thus can see when drag kicks in, can see when you have a take, etc. Of course, the fish have to be looking up for it to work.

At this time of year, unless your seeing steady rises, terrestrials probably are the way to go. The mayflies are generally a spring thing, again in the fall a bit. But blue winged olives, size 18 or so, can be deadly in March or so.

Fish to the banks and fishy looking lies.

Setting the hook is all about timing and takes some practice. The fish should grab the fly and turn down with it before you set. For some people, that's all the better their reactions are anyway. For others, they set too early. Especially true in slower, clearer water where takes are slow sips, and often you see the fish coming for it before it takes.

Light rods are fine for a stream like Valley, so are heavier rods. I think that question is way overrated. Length, though, isn't. A little longer rod is an advantage. It allows you to hold more line off of the water, over heavier currents and such, and thus control drag better. Too long, and casting becomes difficult in tight spots with brush and everything. So it's always a balance. As long as you can get away with is a good rule of thumb. For Valley, for me, I like a rod at 8' or 8' 1/2". Your mileage may vary.