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I caution people from using some telescopic hiking sticks/staffs made for hiking (not saying it applies to all). You know, the kind that locks by twisting an internal cam-mechanism. Two things led to someone I know taking a bad fall when it collapsed mid-stream. The water pulsing against the staff in heavy flow caused the staff to wobble and vibrate, thereby loosened the mechanism and it collapsed. He also reported that when water gets in there the cam doesn't hold and it starts to slide/slip causing it to shorten when he put weight on it.