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Stag, one time Pcray answered the question about short rods on small streams, and which weight to go with, and I remember him talking about heavier lined rods. He said something to the effect of, brookies aren't spooked by the splash down, but they're spooked by human figures. I hope I'm quoting him accurately here, but I have to say, I found that information to be just about right.

When I'm fishing small brookie streams, I have two rods I go for. Both of them are glass rods, because glass tends to be shorter in length but w/ heavier line. One is a 6' Phillipson and the other is a 7'5" Fenwick. Both of them I use 6wt line. The benefit to this is, I can pretty much just flick my wrist and shoot line out. Obviously back casting is tough on small streams, and I'm probably not efficient enough at roll casts as I should be.

This works for brookie streams though. If you're fishing a stream like Valley, chock full of brownies, I would think about a different approach. Saturday was the first time I fished VC. One section was smaller water (upstream of the park, I'm guessing), and I used a 7'3" 2/3wt lined w/ 3wt line. Apart from wind, I felt this rod handled the conditions very well. When we moved to the section in the park and just above the park, I switched to my heavier lined Fenwick.

I think a 4wt would do you well. Kind of split the difference. It sounds like you're not gonna be using this rod for brookie streams exclusively. A 4wt would give you a pretty happy medium I think. I personally recommend the Allen ATS (that's what my 2/3wt is). Love it, and its very affordable.