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Agree on the yard casting thing. Neighbors look at you funny, but I kinda like the "eccentric" tag. :)

I have a large weeping cherry with branches that come down to below knee level. It makes a fun brookie course. Obstacles all around. Pick spot, try to hit it from farther and farther distances.

FWIW, longer rods do have one big advantage. Bow and arrow casts. As a general rule of thumb, the amount of line you can "cast" comes to about 2 times the length of the rod, as measured from the rod tip. So with a 9 ft rod, you can cast around 18 ft of line+leader. Including the length of the rod, it's roughly 27 ft from your hands! And you can do that accurately with tight loops and no backcast, it's great for putting it through "windows" in the brush.

With a 7'6", it's considerably less. 15 ft of line + leader, or only in the low 20's from your hands. The difference may not seem like a whole lot, but on stream, those few extra feet are often the difference between catching the fish and spooking it before getting a cast off.

So when it starts getting a little thick, shorter rods start working better. But when it gets REALLY thick, if you can manage to walk with it, a long rod regains it's advantage.