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Walk as much as you like, I highly doubt you will find that much solitude. It is easier when the water is higher and the fish hang out in riffles etc., but with it returning to normal low, your fishable water reduces, and thus the anglers pack into the known holding lies. Dont let this deter you though! I fished yesterday on lower elk and had a guy 30' to my left and a guy 30' to my right all day. At one point some guy edged up 8-10' to my right and i was like "wtf, there is 60' to my left", but i didnt make a scene and budged over to the left to let him in. He wasnt a jerk or anything, I just dont think he knew any better. Anyways, the crowds arent too bad, so dont get turned off. Yeah, I would rather have 200' to myself to fish, but thats unrealistic at this point in the season. Everybody caught fish, everybody had a few laughs, and guys helped each other. I netted 3 fish for guys that didnt have nets, and one was a 9 year old's first of the day. Honestly, do you have a few days to fish, and all day, or just windows? Also depends on what you want out of it. I knew on my first trip up last year that I was most likely going to enjoy this and therefore wanted to educate myself on the streams. I walked more than I fished. I think I hiked a combined 4-6 miles of elk. Didnt catch anything, but taught myself a good bit about the stream. If you just want to catch a few and introduce yourself to the excitement, I would look up the popular spots on elk or walnut, and join in with the crowds. If 10 guys are fishing a stretch, I gurantee fish hold there/are holding there. Politely ask to join and then let your trout instincts take over and catch a few.