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Re: Finding Brookie Streams ..

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Quote:

when you finish a pool, do not, unless you have to hike far, reel in all slack and put fly in holder on rod.

I always seat the fly in the holder, but leave enough line out so my fly line is out of the last guide, this way, after walking to next run, I can pull line out and easily get a cast out.

That's an important item for beginners in this type of fishing. In this type of fishing, you fish, walk, fish, walk, etc. And the walking is frequently in thick stuff. Steve is correct, for the walks, you do not want to reel that knot through the tip guide, then pull it back out to fish, then reel it back in to walk, etc. It's a hassle, the messing around will spook fish, and you will wear out or break the rod tip. But at the same time, you don't want to walk with slack line, either. Slack line catches on EVERYTHING.

I usually attack it by closely watching my leader length. I use a 7'6" rod most times, and generally, I try to keep the leader and tippet short enough so that when I put a fly in the hook holder, the fly line is just off the tip of the rod. This is one reason for short leaders.

In times where I want a little longer leader, I'll loop it around the reel base then back to the hook holder. Gives you an extra foot or so, but you have to be conscious of it or you will tangle.

If I fish a stream where I'm down to a 5 or 6 foot rod, though, that option is nearly out the window. Then I usually loop some line in my hand, and hold it against the rod when I walk. For longer walks I go ahead and reel it through and hook up to the holder.