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When I was 9 I was already pretty good with a spinning rod. I'd wear waders, but I wasn't that tall, so my dad would carry me across bigger streams on his back. But I could cast as well as many adults and tie my own knots, bait my own hooks, get out my own tangles, etc.

I did get bored if fishing was slow, but in those cases I'd wade around the shallows looking for crayfish, find a spring seep and dig up salamanders, etc. There's just so much to do in the great outdoors. I did fish a local farm pond for gills and bass, but that was just a time spender, I liked stream fishing better. On the pond, there wasn't really anywhere to go. On a stream, you could constantly fish different spots. Impatience is cured by moving, every new area brings renewed expectations.

I plan to start my kid a little earlier, probably 4 or 5. The first outing will likely be gills but I'll try to give him a range of fishing experiences and see what he likes. I truly can't wait. As of now (1 year old) his idea of fun is to stay inside and play with toys. Going places means getting strapped in that hateful car seat and leaving most of his toys. The problem is that daddy gets cabin fever, watching a 1 year old push cars around the floor all day every day gets kind of old, as does peekaboo. Acting like you're still as thrilled about it as he is takes some acting...