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Re: The Elitist Fly Fisherman....Reality or Myth?

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Sas,

Coming from a bait family and world, that's true, there's definitely different groups among spin/bait fishermen. And there are some good ones and bad ones everywhere. But a lot of it is highly regional, I think.

I grew up fishing mostly NW PA. And in most places, it's still hard to even find a fly fisherman unless you go to the more famous special reg areas, like Oil Creek or Caldwell. The stereotype was reversed! Fly fishermen only fish crowded shoulder to shoulder spots. You'll rarely see them on an unstocked stream, unless there are posters up saying it's special reg. And you'll almost never see them stray far from access points. They're rude and they tend to crowd you. They wade out in the middle where the fish are and spook them all because they can't cast far enough. They tend to fish when the water is too warm; fish tend to take those small flies deep; and they overplay fish, so mortality is higher.

And it was true. Because in that area, experienced fishermen tended to stick with spinning gear and bait. Fly fishermen were mostly beginners who didn't know what they were doing.

Boy, what a culture shock when I moved across the state. Pretty much the opposite was true.