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You need a tool that'll do the job - the right tool makes it much easier and fun. Maybe speak to some of the shops out there to see what to expect in the way of wind, distance of casting etc and what they use or recommend then try a few rods that might work. See if anyone can let you try a rod on the stream so you know what it's like to actually fish with it - not just spend 15 min in a parking lot.

I got a high end rod on closeout -a Sage XP 6 wt, turned out to be one that cast great in a parking lot but is not so great on some trout streams. Since then I try a rod with the idea it will be a "fishing" rod and not a parking lot "casting" rod and found that while winstons (WT series) may seem wimpy in the parking lot some of them are really nice when I'm actually fishing them, much nicer than the XP.

\$800 is a lot of money for a "fishin' pole" and you don't want to be let down - a lot of guys like the old HMG and you might like it better (or a new model like it) after trying a few.