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Re: 10 and 11ft rod question

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Chaz wrote:

Maybe I'm backward, but I don't see why you need a long rod for nymphing, can someone explain it to me?

Most times, the key to nymphing getting a drag-free drift. A longer rod allows you to hold more line off the water, and thus eliminating or at least reducing drag when nymphing with indies, high-sticking, or tight-lining. In addition, a longer rod can more effectively mend line with an indy or when fishing dries. Also, it is easier to handle longer leaders for stealthier dry fly fishing as well as nymphing. Plus, the added length helps with roll casting, by giving you a longer length of line to load the rod.

The cons...a long rod is a real pain in smaller streams with overhead branches or bushes. Also, the *fish* actually has more leverage and landing fish is a little more difficult.

Longer rods (>9') were not really an option back in-the-day because of their weight. But today, given the introduction and refinement of rod materials, longer rods are a good option for fishing.