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I don't have much experience with larger fish in general- most of the trout I catch are in the six to ten inch range. Last week I had an encounter with a very large stocked rainbow in a local stream. Anyway, I was fishing 6x for my dropper because I didn't want to change the 5x I had tied my dry fly to. This huge trout (I'd at least 18 or 20 inches) took my nymph, and ran upstream. Then he ran downstream past me, and eventually ended up getting wrapped around a branch near the bank. I walked over to get him loose, but when I got there he broke my tippet and was gone.

Just last night I went back there, and caught a 16 inch brown. I only managed to land him because I had my dad hold my rod while I netted him. Anyway, do you guys have any tips on landing larger fish?