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Tenkara is a lot of fun for tight line nymphing on a stream like spring creek. Basically all of the trout are smaller than 18" and there are a lot of them. Spring creek is also big enough that the length is an advantage but small enough that the fish can't really take off downstream on you.

I also realize that I'm in a minority of people who think nymphing spring creek with a regular fly rod is kind of boring. It's too easy and there aren't enough big fish to make the trouble worthwhile. Tenkara is sort of a novelty to me and makes the experience more interesting.

I'd never use a tenkara rod on a big river or on a brookie stream. You won't land a really big fish on a tenkara rod. Really small streams would be irritating to fish. Regular fly rods are far more versatile.

I never had any problem with line tangles. Also, if you're having trouble casting underneath things, you just need to water-haul.

Tenkara rods are the greatest winter fishing rods ever made. No guides to freeze, no line to handle, it's great. It's worth buying one for that reason alone.