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Re: Old South Bend bamboo fly rod

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Dear Jeremy,

If the rod is in your possession why not try it out?

Yes it's a 7 weight, and yes it is heavier than a graphite or fiberglass 7 weight but that doesn't mean it is useless. It might be awful or you might enjoy it, but you'll never know until you try.

When I started fly fishing 40 plus years ago the typical trout rod was at least a 5 weight and quite often a 6 weight. Lighter line weights are more of a modern invention.

Yes, there were a few oddball lightweight bamboo and fiberglass rods but for the most part an 8' or 8 1/2" 5 or 6 weight was what the average Joe fishing in the East used. Out West they used 6 or 7 weights.

Try it!

Regards,

Tim Murphy 😊