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Re: Flying w/fly fishing equipment

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I haven't had much problems. It is easier if you can put stuff in your checked baggage. Of course you run the risk of lost baggage, but I generally take that risk. My most intense fishing buddy carries all his gear on the plane so there is no risk to his fishing time. He can wear t same clothes all week if the luggage is lost, but doesn't want to risk fishing time. I'm not that extreme. I often take my rod on board and it helps to have a 4 piece rod to fit in the overhead easier.

The one issue is that tools must be less than 7" to be carried on. Forceps, needle nosed pliers, and misc fish hook removers can be more than 7" so check. When I went with a buddy last year he gave up a favorite pair of needle nose pliers he had used for decades because they were 8" long.

I usually fly through Newark and frequently get asked a lot of questions about fishing gear. Folks in Newark are not fisherman friendly. The opposite is true out West and when the TSA staff see a rod case out there the first question is "how was the fishing?"