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Re: fishing alone.

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Agree with most of the above posts. If I'm fishing with someone it's much less about the number of fish caught and more about enjoying time with a friends (or friends). I'll admit there are times I want to be alone for a few hours though...after a tough week at work, etc. I do enjoy the peace and solitude of a walk in the woods, fishing a stream at times. When I'm by myself it's still not usually about the fishing though...I like to explore new streams and areas and see what's there. The fish are just a piece in the greater picture of spending a day outdoors and away from things.

There are some (usually steep, rugged, and remote) streams that I won't do by myself, period. You can get hurt anywhere at any time, and that shouldn't (and doesn't) stop us from doing what we do, but on those types of streams if something does go wrong and you're by yourself, the problem becomes magnified much more so than on a stream in a populated area. I usually try to save these types of outings each year to do with a fishing buddy I wouldn't get to see much otherwise...prefer to take off of work during the week and make a day out of it...breakfast, hike/bike/float/fish, wings/beers afterward.

To answer the OP question though...yes, I think I catch more fish when fishing by myself. I think this is largely just a function of splitting the water and potential fish with your partner(s) though. I often fish with anglers who are better technical anglers and casters than me...if you total the number of fish we caught as a group in a given day when sharing the water, this is often actually more fish than I would have caught fishing the same water in the same conditions by myself. One guy in the group may have a trick cast up his sleeve for a certain tough to get to spot that the others couldn't pull off...in the next hole another guy might know a technique that will work, etc.