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Was doing some early morning carp fishing on a new section of creek that I recently got permission to fish. This section has some really big fish but they are extremely spooky. They must be able to feel me walking along the bank because they spook at times when there is no way they could see me in low light conditions. Anyway, while trying to cast to a large fish I heard a noise in the meadow behind me. I turned around to find about a half dozen curious young heifers directly behind me. At first I was frustrated, but then I thought I have permission to be here and these are the farmer's cows. I am on their turf. Why shouldn't they be checking me out? I decided to stop fishing to avoid an impromptu flyfishing type of rodeo by hanging a fly in one of their ears. They harrassed me the whole way out of the meadow (almost in a playful manner). As I was departing trying to avoid the newest of the meadow muffins and fending off the young cows I felt a sharp tingle in my elbow. I had inadvertently laid the tip of my 9' fly rod on the single strand electric fence reconfirming the fact that graphite fly rods are pretty decent conductors of electricity. I will be back to try it again but I need to give the carp some time to settle down as the stomping cows had them pretty worked up. So it goes with carp fishing in Lancaster County..... Feel free to respond with some of your flyfishing/cow encounters. I'm sure there are some good ones out there.