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Last weekend at my daughters soccer game I was chatting it up with an acquaintance, nice guy I know but considering our kids aren't the same age we aren't that tight. The topic of fishing came up cause I think he heard me talking about my weekend surf casting in Montauk. The discussion turned to Fly Fishing and I explained that for my fist time, I enjoyed surf casting, would do it again, but it doesn't stir up my passion as much as fly fishing does. In a sense he didn't get how bringing to hand a 'small' trout can get you going more than reeling in a 12 – 15lb striper.

The conversation moved to how I got into it and I went thru the song and dance abt golfing since I was 17, was obsessed, watch some really pretty FF shows, found the forum, beginner jam, etc ... and I was off to the races. Funny but his boss had an extremely similar story. Works, two young kids, etc and he traded in his golf clubs a few years ago and any free time means FF'ing time. He then says next time I go out he would like to come along and try it out. I explained that it isn't that 'easy' but we'll work on a few things prior.

This AM I took him to Core Creek and let him get a feel for chucking fly's. Showed him the basics of casting (lol what I know and hope I didn't screw him up), fly's and when to use them and how each work and some other things. Didn't work on knots or anything ... just wanted to get him comfortable with a fly rod in his hand. We went to the water (just a big lake) not to fish but just for me to show him the mechanics and how to fish different fly's ... from dry and nymphs, tho the water on the lake was still it still was easier for me to show him certain aspects then on grass, to streamers (wolly buggers). Went thru stripping, more casting, mending (tried to explain on still water), etc ... all in all I kept him interested for 2.5 hours. Gave him one of my beginner fly fishing books and he definitely wants to get on some moving water in the next few weeks ... hope to have the success I had with my 1st pay-forward as I got my buddy a trout.

I'm thinking either the LL or Neshimany (do u think there's still WW species in there?) and crossed out VC as that place drives me insane and not a good place to take someone for the 1st time, with me at least lol. Considering that we are in Bucks and don't want to drive to far ... any other ideas on where to take a Newbie to get him on moving H2O? Open to trout and/or WW species if they are still around.