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Rolf-that was a great read! Thanks for taking the time to put that list together.

Acristic-great suggestion with warm water fly fishing! Along with what you mentioned it's a great way to practice technique and learn the streams you fish. I've started to really enjoy going after smallies in the lul between spring/early summer trout and fall trout. Next year, I simply must find time to fish the white fly hatch on Slippery Rock Creek!

Fly fishing for me is broken down into at least 3 categories-fishing, tying, and the entomology.

I am pretty much self taught fishing, although about 3 years after I'd learned all of my bad habits the light went off. I took a lesson which helped me with fishing technique, knot work, casting technique and basic terminology. That was the best investment related to fly fishing I've ever made. Not only did the gentleman guide me and give me stream knowledge, but he helped me answer all of the fly fishing questions I had. That revolutionized my fly fishing experience.

Tying-also self taught, and thank god for various websites, I've learned lots and have come a long way since I tied my first fly. I'm still learning though and I have yet to take a lesson. Also guys at the fly shops I patronize have been extremely helpful.

Entomology is the puzzle that I'm still working the most on. I know how to read hatch charts and can read to select sizes of certain insects, and I can for the most part find something close enough to match or at least find something the fish take. What I would like to become more proficient at is knowing more about life cycles, identifying hatches, etc.

There are so many aspects of fly fishing and I think that's what fuels my passion for it. I'm not an expert, but I do pretty well and have come a long way, but I'll never stop trying to learn more. Most important though is that I have fun, that's really what it's all about.