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Yeah,

Guy perceived you as crowding him. That was his (poor) response to it.

Whether you actually were crowding him, I dunno. It's not an easy thing to gauge. You have less expectation of "room" in a crowded place like the LL than you do on many other streams. Some people used to less crowded streams fail to adjust, and in cases where someone has unreasonable expectations there's not much you can do. But also, you're fairly new to the game, and it's possible you misjudged an appropriate buffer.

It definitely was a poor response on his end. Having been on the receiving end of "crowding", it's not something that's easy to bring up in a civil manner, but I try. Some people just leave but I prefer to find out whether they're a beginner not understanding what they're doing, or an a-hole who does. Usually it's the former, in which case it is a teaching moment. I make it known that it's not normally acceptable behavior, but that I'm not upset. Sometimes I even give them the hole and some pointers.

I've been on the giving end too, sometimes from lack of choice. For instance, many instances on steelhead streams. If every hole is taken, I may slide into the head or tail of a pool, trying to leave 50 yards or so to the guy in the middle. I usually ask him if it's ok and what he considers a comfortable space.

Other times, if there's like 1 guy in a stretch you like, you ask which way he's moving. If he states up, you step in below him and fish down. Or vice versa.