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Thank you for taking the time to read my post (my 1st). Any and all feedback, is greatly appreciated.

I was born and raised in Tioga Co., fishing for native brook trout as well as some pond and lake fishing. I moved to Lancaster Co. in 2005. Unfortunately, between "life" and not knowing the area, I have made every excuse not to get out on the water. In 2013, I was exposed to fly fishing for the first time by a coworker. I was gifted a Quarrow, boxed setup for Christmas. I hit up the Hammer, above the Speedwell, a hand full of times. I thoroughly enjoyed this new experience. Again, "life" happened and I made excuses not to get out there. That being said, the only stream I have fished is that section of the Hammer.

I would like to get back out there, and have done research to find some local streams. My first question is, how do you guys figure out/find good access points? Do you just drive to the stream and find a place to pull over? I don't want to piss off any property owners.

Next, I would like to talk about gear. I still have that Quarrow rod and reel. I just tied a new leader on, and want to get into some fish ASAP. I am working with a small box of limited flies, old waders, etc... I watch YouTube and see other fisherman out there with THOUSANDS of dollars worth of equipment. I just don't have the budget for that. In your opinion, based on your experience, what pieces of equipment would you upgrade first? Keeping in mind a tight budget, so I am looking for value over say, a brand name.

I would also like to get into fly tying, both for personal use and to give to friends and sell to others. Would you recommend holding off until I get more experience on the water?

Thank you for your time!

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