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1) Welcome to the site.

2) On access, just locate places that look fishy (via a Gazetteer or Google Earth) then go check it out. If it's on private land knock on some doors. If you plan to release the fish inform the landowner of that.

3) On the gear, I would recommend good waders (wet wading will end soon) and good polarized glasses. Most any rod will catch fish and (not to be a jerk) you'll probably not understand what attributes you'd like in a new rod until you get your casting down, fish a while and cast a variety of rods. The Redington CT mentioned is a fine beginner rod.

For deals on waders and glasses check out "Steep and Cheap" and "Backcountry". Also Simms is having sales. I just got 70% off Simms items.

4) On fly tying, it's the most expensive way I've ever seen to save money. I was taught how to fly fish by old timers. I didn't know you could buy flies. That said, I'd say buy generic attractor patterns for where you'll fish (hares ears, pheasant tails, adams, light cahills, griffith gnats, woollybuggers etc) and then when you get into tying, only tie what you fish the most.

Remember there's no special fly, like there could be a magic lure in spinner fishing. I see many new fly fishers trying to find a magic fly. The trick is to match the highest population of the fish's natural forage in that body of water at the time you're fishing.