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I will second the notion that you should consider a 9' for an 8WT for the big rivers. However, most of my smallie fishing is on local trout streams that have warmed up during the summer. The fish here seldom exceed 14".

When it comes to small creeks I am a fan of very short rods and do most of my smallie fishing with a 5.5' rod for a 4WT. Since I prefer large, heavy flies for smallies - it is "chuck 'n duck" casting but most of my casts are short and I find short rods are accurate and catch fewer trees. Most of my better creek bass are caught sight fishing in clear water so "hugging cover" is necessary and I find a short rod more effective - the major downside is I can't roll cast with a short rod and heavy flies.

One reason I like the 8WT for the big rivers - aside from all the other good explanations in earlier posts - is the possibility of shots at carp and muskies. Have a good reel with a disc drag and at least a 100yds of backing if you want to play the carp game.