

Chris Stewart Bio

Chris Stewart grew up in Colorado and learned to fly fish on the St. Vrain River. That was long before it became nationally known. Back then, people two counties over never fished it and people two states over never heard of it. It's a great little stream for tenkara but Chris moved away long before he'd become a tenkara bum.

After leaving Colorado and before coming to New York, Chris lived in the Midwest and didn't fish. He was young and foolish and didn't know that bluegills got bigger than 4" and could be a ton of fun. And smallies? Well, he just didn't know.

After moving to New York he started fishing again and it's been downhill ever since. He often fishes the streams that run between the New York City water supply reservoirs just north of the city. The streams are small, the fishing is good, and most fishermen drive right past them to get to the more famous rivers in the Catskills. Suits him just fine.

Chris first heard of tenkara in 2007 and got his first tenkara rod in January 2008. He started TenkaraBum.com in the spring of 2010, initially selling tenkara lines and flies and reviewing all the tenkara rods that were then available. He bought a Shimano tenkara rod in 2011 on his first trip to Japan, and a couple Daiwas later that year. After fishing the Daiwa tenkara rods he decided to import them. He started selling Japanese tenkara rods in January of 2012 and has since added fixed line rods designed for everything from carp to minnows.

TenkaraBum.com now has the most extensive coverage of tenkara and related fixed line fishing styles outside of Japan.