

To Catch a Bass



Bass are bigger and feistier than many of the other fish you'll find in a pond, lake or river, so be prepared for some big fun! Check your gear to make sure you can handle these big fish.

Make sure you have 6- to 14-pound-test line on your reel. Lighter line won't cut it. And you'll want a size 3/0 to 4/0 hook.

Largemouth bass are **predators**. That means they hunt and eat other animals. So use imitations of their **prey** (the animals they eat) as bait. Largemouth bass really go for frogs, nightcrawlers, crayfish, minnows and leeches. In the summer you can find lots of these critters around your yard or nearby waterway.

Artificial lures work great, too. Use imitations of any of the live baits. You can get a bass's attention with jigs, diving crankbaits, floating lures and poppers. Use these offerings in 1/16-ounce to 1-ounce sizes.

Whether you use live bait or a lure, or search a pond, lake or river, you are sure to have a great time fishing for largemouth bass!

