



Catching Catfish

Are you a picky eater? Catfish are definitely not picky eaters. They'll eat just about anything they find. Anglers have caught catfish on lures, nightcrawlers,

crickets, store-bought stinkbait, baitfish (whole or cut), chicken livers, dog food, shrimp, cheese, bacon, bologna and even doughnuts!

Stinkbait

is bait that puts odor into the water.

Baitfish

is a fish used as bait to catch a larger fish.

There are **two things** to keep in mind when rigging your line for catfish:



1. Go for the stink! Remember, catfish have an excellent sense of smell. Using something that smells will catch their attention.

2. Get low. There are different ways to rig your line for catfishing. Try fishing off the bottom, where catfish often live. This doesn't necessarily mean deep water, especially if you are fishing at night. Catfish become more active once the sun sets and the water cools and will move from one area to another. You'll be successful fishing for catfish in shallow waters once the sun goes down.

Night Fishing Tips

- ✓ Paint the tip of your fishing rod with a bright color or wrap it with reflective tape. This will make it easier to see in the dark.
- ✓ Attach a bell to the tip of your rod. It will alert you when you have a bite.

- ✓ When night fishing at a lake or pond, cast your line near a light source. Catfish will be after the fish that are attracted to the light.