

How to Catch Crappie – Tips For Being a Successful Crappie Fisherman

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This article will reveal tips for being a successful crappie angler. Fishing for crappie is incredibly popular, but at times can be a bit difficult, especially without the help of a boat. In many areas there are fishing piers built on reservoirs, which can make a great place to catch these fish. The bottom line is whether you're fishing from the bank, a fishing pier, or a boat catching crappie is a ton of fun.

The main reason that people seek out crappie is for their meat. Crappie are some of the best tasting fish that swim in freshwater, and their light flaky flesh is considered a delicacy in many parts of the United States. With that being said, let's get down to the tips on how to catch crappie, shall we?

The first thing to consider is your fishing line. You always want to use fishing line that's as light as possible when fishing for Crappie. I suggest two to four pound test, and six pound test is passable as well. The bottom line is that we want our line to be as invisible to the fish as possible, thus the light line. Crappie normally aren't very large (a two plus pound Crappie is a very large specimen), so fishing line heavier than six pound test simply isn't necessary.

Many "old timers" like to use very long cane poles (ten to twelve feet) when fishing for these fish. This way they can literally "drop" the bait directly into the area that they want to fish. This is a great technique when fishing for Crappie in heavy cover. This technique can be used with small jigs or bait under a small bobber.

Another technique that is very popular and effective for Crappie is the use of slip bobbers. Slip bobbers give you the ability to adjust the depth of your bait, while still being able to reel in your line all the way. A small 'bobber stop' is attached to your line at the desired level of your bobber. The use of slip bobbers is very effective for Crappie fishermen who are reserved to fishing from shore.

The most well known, and probably most effective, bait of all time for Crappie fishing is the minnow. A live minnow has long been known the quintessential Crappie bait. If you want to know how to catch crappie, the journey begins with a minnow. A great way to rig a minnow for Crappie Fishing is a set of gang hooks. These hooks allow you to present your minnow in a totally natural way. The hooks are attached to the line using a small barrel swivel (which prevents line twist as the minnow swims around), and the minnow is hooked through the lips for a totally natural presentation.

A great substitute for live minnows when crappie fishing are Berkley's Gulp Alive Minnows. Although these minnows are synthetic, they have been infused with fish attracting scents that many crappie anglers say out perform live minnows. I personally like these synthetic minnows for "tipping" by crappie jigs.

In any case these crappie fishing tips will make anyone a better and more successful crappie fisherman. I suggest adding one or all of these tips to your crappie fishing repertoire sooner, rather than later.

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