

Uncle Hurley's Carp Hints.

D O U G H B A L L S & S T I N K B A I T S

THINGS YOU MAY NEED (according to recipe used).

01. CORN MEAL
02. FLOUR
03. BULLION (Different flavors)
04. INSTANT POTATOES
05. CEREAL
06. MEAT GREASE
07. BLOOD
08. SUGAR / SALT
09. COTTON
10. CONTAINERS

RECIPE #1

Peel and grate a large potato. Add two tablespoons of cornmeal, about a half a teaspoon of salt, and enough flour or shredded cotton.

Pinch off and roll into balls. Cook these in boiling water until they float. Dry off in paper towel. Keep in plastic bag.

You may want to add grated onion or sugar, syrup or molasses, or both to recipe.

CARP ESPECIALLY LIKE THEM SWEET!

RECIPE #2

Mix equal parts of bread, oatmeal, cereal and and sugar with enough water to make a stiff dough.

RECIPE #3

Flour and cheese made as in recipe #2.

RECIPE #4

Mix cheese, flour, chicken entrails or other meat and water to make a thick paste.

RECIPE #5

Plastic sponges in various colors may be soaked in liver blood or other things such as cheese spread and used as bait.

Note: These recipes are also good for catfish but were developed mostly for carp.

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NOTES ON CARP.

Carp are wary creatures and will swim away if anything doesn't look natural such as sinkers or exposed hooks.

Don't use too big a hook since Carp have small mouths for their size. Don't use too small a hook either. A medium size hook will do fine.

Carp are bottom feeders and like muddy places.

Carp search for food mostly by smell.

The best time to fish for carp is on dark rainy days.

When hooked the carp should be pulled away as soon as possible to avoid disturbing the school.

If you get a carp there are probably more around nearby as they are schooling fish. Keep working the area.

Carp are nomadic (not territorial) and don't stay in the same place all the time. Try different locations.

Carp are not very wild about minnows and smelly baits are not needed.

Carp have a "sweet tooth".

Don't use too large a hook as a very large carp doesn't have a very large mouth.

Carp have been caught on peas, corn, cooked potato, bread, pieces of fish, shrimp, balls of moss and even marshmallows. Carp are browsers. If it smells good (not stinks!) and doesn't look unusual they will take it. It helps if the weather is right and the carp is in the area.

Carp are just glorified goldfish. Few game-fish can put up a fight like a carp.

Carp may not be as good to eat as trout but some things are worse, such as suckers.

Carp smell with their barbels (whiskers) and are more particular about their food than one would imagine.

Carp have sensitive mouths and will spit out a hook if possible.

A message from Kenneth Hurley:

I've been hauling in monster Carp for about 35 years now. These are the baits I use and to date I have not found anything better. It adds something to the sport knowing your bait ain't store bought. Cooking up fish baits is a time honored craft. So don't stop with these recipes. Experiment. You may even out-do me someday. Oh yeah, sometimes I add a little beer just for the hell of it.

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