



Get Out & Fish!

A community fishing program brought to you by LDWF



The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries started the Get Out and Fish! community fishing program to provide more high quality, accessible bank fishing sites throughout the state.

The Ponds

Get Out and Fish! ponds provide a location close to home where anglers can catch adult size fish without having to use a boat, travel a long time, or plan an expensive fishing trip. LDWF stocks Get Out and Fish! ponds with channel catfish in the spring and fall and rainbow trout in the winter. The program is intended to recruit new anglers while encouraging former anglers to return to the sport.

The Event

At each new Get Out and Fish! pond, LDWF partners with a local government organization or community group to host a free family fishing event. Get Out and Fish! events consist of an all ages fishing competition as well as educational fishing activities including fishing tips, casting instruction, fish identification, and more. Prior to an event, LDWF stocks the pond with adult size channel catfish to provide a fun day of fishing for the whole family.

Your Fishing Site

After the opening event, LDWF continues to stock the pond to encourage anglers to enjoy fishing at their new community fishing site. In addition, LDWF assists volunteers and community groups in providing further fishing education opportunities at these ponds. LDWF's Aquatic Volunteer Instructor Program offers training for individuals and groups that wish to teach fishing and aquatic education at Get Out and Fish! ponds or fishing clinics throughout the state.

CHANNEL CATFISH

(Ictalurus punctatus)

Stocked in the Get Out & Fish! Community Fishing Ponds
Spring and Fall of each year



RAINBOW TROUT

(Oncorhynchus mykiss)

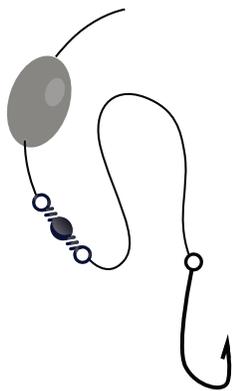
Stocked in the Get Out & Fish! Community Fishing Ponds
between December and February
depending on temperature



FISHING RIGS

Floating/Bobber

This rig is great for suspending your bait at a certain depth in the water column. For rainbow trout, aim for the middle of the column, while you'll want to be just above the bottom for channel catfish.



Carolina Rig

This rig works great for fishing the bottom. Heavier catfish baits will keep bait near the bottom, while lighter rainbow trout baits will float higher in the water column. Use a small 1/4 to 3/8 oz. egg sinker for catfish or trout.

FISHING 101

BAIT



Channel Catfish

Channel catfish are omnivores so they'll eat almost anything, but they prefer stinky bait such as worms, chicken livers, and hot dogs.

Rainbow Trout

Popular trout baits are corn kernels, small fly fishing lures, and small synthetic baits often found in jars. These all resemble the food pellets they were raised on in hatcheries.

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