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SHARE YOUR LUNCH WITH A FISH!

Summer is here and it's time to break out the marshmallows and hotdogs! They make great fish bait when the kids are fishing in a pond, lake or stream.

Pieces of hot dogs, Vienna Sausage, cheese, bread, corn, and yes, even green peas and baked beans have been catching fish for years. So the next time you go fishing, forget the worms and minnows, just share your lunch with the fish.


Don't be surprised if you catch a bass, catfish or bream on a piece of bread. If you're fishing in the mountains, rainbow trout will take a piece of corn or cheese quicker than a wet fly. If the bait doesn't stay on the hook because of the current, try a piece of chewing gum or a candy gummy worm. Like fishing lures, certain flavors and colors work better on some days than others, so keep a couple different types of gum in your pocket.

Marshmallows suspended on a hook below a red and white float have caught many a catfish over the years and have even fooled a carp or two. Whole miniature marshmallows will catch a bream in the shallows quicker than a cricket on certain days. If the fish are small, cut the white marshmallow into pieces tiny enough for them to swallow.

Grapes, especially muscadines, make excellent catfish bait. In fact, if you ever find ripe muscadines growing along the bank, fish the area thoroughly. Catfish are likely feeding nearby on the tender grape droppings.

Don't throw away leftovers, particularly clams, mussels, shrimp or crawfish. Catfish, bass and stripers will gobble them up when fished on a hook or used for chum. Some say the spicier the better, so don't be afraid to give Cajun or garlic shrimp or crawfish a try. Try dipping the leftover pieces in the same cocktail sauce that you enjoyed. Fish might like the taste better than you did.

Bacon, ham or sausage that you didn't finish at breakfast might be just the tidbit that will make fish bite at sunrise. Crispy bacon is hard to hook, but an uncooked strip cut into small pieces will often entice a finicky fish. Ham will catch its share of swimmers when left on the bottom long enough to allow the scent to spread with the current.

From time to time fish will eat just about anything you will eat. Don't be afraid to experiment and tell others about your new-found secret baits. But when table scraps fail to lure your favorite species, go back to the basic minnows, crickets and worms. 



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Welcome To Lake Norman!



- ★ If you're a new homeowner, call the Welcome Committee for your **FREE** housewarming basket filled with valuable coupons, gifts, maps, medical guides and community happenings.
- ★ Call Suzanne Meyer to arrange your **FREE** visit at 704-660-1155. Welcome home... we look forward to meeting you soon.

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