

WHO TO FISH WITH

Fishing Guides and Tournaments

GUIDES

BACKWOODS CATFISHING GUIDE SERVICE | DECATUR Catfish guide service on Lake Guntersville and Wheeler Lake

BAMA NOODLING GUIDE SERVICE | FORT PAYNE Catfish noodling guide service in the Leesburg and Gadsden area

SOUTHERNCATS GUIDE SERVICE | RUSSELLVILLE Catfish guide service on the Tennessee River in North Alabama

TOURNAMENTS

BAMA BLUES TOURNAMENT SERIES | DECATUR Annual tournament in North Alabama across multiple lakes, January 2027

BIG CAT FISHING TOURNAMENT | MILLBROOK For youth anglers, an annual summer event

NORTH ALABAMA CATFISH TRAIL TOURNAMENT | DECATUR Held at Lake Guntersville and surrounding reservoirs

SEAARK BOAT OWNERS INVITATIONAL CATFISH TOURNAMENT | DECATUR Open to owners only, April 2027

CATFISH FARMIN' FACT

33% of America's farm-raised catfish comes from Alabama, making catfish one of the state's most iconic foods.

GO
CATFISH
CRAZY



IT RUNS DEEP

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Sweet Home Alabama

ALABAMA IS CATFISH COUNTRY

Whether you're looking to wet a line or fill your plate with some of the best eatin' around, use this handy guide to find the many amazing catfish experiences we have to offer.

OUR
CATFISH
SPECIAL

PLACES TO FISH

Lakes, Ponds and Rivers for Catching Catfish

LAKES

DEKALB COUNTY LAKE Great shore fishing for channel catfish

LAKE EUFAULA 600 miles of shoreline on the Alabama-Georgia border and a catfish population rated “excellent” by Outdoor Alabama

LAKE GUNTERSVILLE Premier destination for trophy blue and flathead catfish

LAKE MARTIN Spans 40,000 scenic acres on the Tallapoosa River in Central Alabama with accessible channel and flathead catfishing

LOGAN MARTIN LAKE Proven flathead factory on the Coosa River system where trophy cats topping 50 lbs keep tournament anglers coming back

MADISON COUNTY LAKE Great shore fishing for channel catfish

PICKWICK LAKE A top tournament location and home to large blue catfish

SMITH LAKE 21,200-acre deepwater reservoir in North Alabama with channel, blue and flathead catfish present throughout

WHEELER LAKE 67,700-acre Tennessee River reservoir, a top catfish destination and former home of a world-record 111-lb blue catfish

WILSON LAKE Holds highest number of giant catfish per acre in Alabama

RIVER SYSTEMS & RESERVOIRS

ALABAMA RIVER SYSTEM A storied river corridor separated by three locks and dams (Jones Bluff, Millers Ferry and Claiborne) that runs south from Montgomery, producing blues over 30 lbs and flatheads over 40, including the state-record 80-lb flathead caught near Selma

TOMBIGBEE RIVER A low-pressure hidden gem running from the Mississippi border to Mobile Bay, where 40- and 50-lb blues and flatheads share the same deep holes along five impoundments

LOWER CAHABA RIVER Holds high numbers of channel, blue and yellow (flathead) catfish

HOLT RESERVOIR Home of the state-record blue catfish at 120.25 lbs, landed on the Black Warrior River near Tuscaloosa

PLACES TO EAT

Restaurants and Markets for Catfish

CENTRAL ALABAMA

THE ARK | RIVERSIDE

Fried catfish platters; hush puppies

BATTER UP | SYLACAUGA

Fried catfish; whole catfish; jumbo shrimp

CATFISH HEAVEN | TUSCALOOSA

Fried catfish fillet dinners

CATFISH HOUSE | MILLBROOK

Whole catfish dinner; fillets

CLAY SEAFOOD HOUSE | MONTGOMERY

Catfish sandwich; fried catfish

ENSLEY SEAFOOD EXPRESS | BIRMINGHAM

Fried catfish plates

FARMHOUSE & CO. | LINEVILLE

Catfish; comfort food; steaks

THE FISH MARKET | BIRMINGHAM

Fresh seafood; fried and grilled catfish

JOHNNY'S RESTAURANT | HOMEWOOD

Meat-and-three with fried catfish options

OSKAR'S | DADEVILLE

Fried catfish; barbecue; Southern comfort food

TOP O' THE RIVER | ANNISTON

Catfish and seafood

THE ROUGAROUX | BIRMINGHAM

Blackened catfish po'boy

WHARF CASUAL SEAFOOD | SYLACAUGA

Fried catfish; blackened catfish

YO' MAMA'S | BIRMINGHAM

Catfish and Southern sides

SOUTH ALABAMA

EZELL'S FISH CAMP | LAVACA

Famous catfish fillets and hush puppies

THE SHACK | EVERGREEN

Fried catfish and roadhouse fare

ZACK'S FAMILY RESTAURANT | DOTHAN

Buffet/family-style catfish offerings

NORTH ALABAMA

FISH CREEL | ANDERSON

Fried catfish plates

KATY'S KATFISH | RAINSVILLE

Fried catfish dinner; shrimp combos

LASH'S SEAFOOD | ROGERSVILLE

Fried catfish; shrimp; gumbo

LITTLE LIBBY'S CATFISH & DINER | MADISON

Fried catfish and diner fare

ODETTE | FLORENCE

Elevated American fare; seasonal catfish dishes

OLD GREENBRIER RESTAURANT | MADISON

Fried catfish; famous hush puppies

GULF COAST

DOC'S SEAFOOD & STEAKS | ORANGE BEACH

Fried catfish; surf-and-turf

DOC'S SEAFOOD SHACK & OYSTER BAR | ORANGE BEACH

Fried catfish platters, Gulf seafood

FELIX'S FISH CAMP | SPANISH FORT

Fried catfish plates; seafood baskets

FISH RIVER GRILL | FOLEY

"Holy Moly" catfish BLT po'boy

MARY'S SOUTHERN COOKING | MOBILE

Fried catfish plate; soul-food sides

NEW ORLEANS SEAFOOD | MOBILE

Catfish fillets and combos

THE SEAFOOD HOUSE | MOBILE

Fried catfish plates; market items

TIN TOP RESTAURANT & OYSTER BAR | BON SECOUR

All-you-can-eat nights; fried catfish; oysters

