

# The Jordan River

<b>Date</b>	July 27, 2013	<b>Time</b>	8:30pm – 2:30am
<b>Location</b>	Jordan River – Lehi, UT	<b>Weather</b>	Mild and warm
<b>Fish Species</b>	Channel Catfish	<b>Size Range</b>	Largest was 28", Average is 20"
<b>Fish Caught</b>	1 - 28" and 2 - 20" Catfish; 2 larger fish got off		
<b>Bait Used</b>	Chopped up White Bass caught in the river a few days earlier		
<b>Techniques</b>	Sink it to the bottom in the current and let it sit		
<b>Comments</b>	My first experience fishing for Catfish		

I was in Utah visiting family while down for the Pioneer Day celebration in Meadow, UT. I was talking to Rick and told him that I had never been cat fishing before so Rick wanted to fix that situation!



Out goin Catn

Later that week I went to Rick's house and we headed out with a few of Rick's friends. We set up at his usual spot at around 8:30 pm and the fishing started out really slow. We would have a hit here and there, but it didn't get interesting until around 11:30 pm when the moon came out. That seemed to flip a switch and the catfish came prowling. The first one to the net was an average 20" fish, my first ever Channel Catfish. It was fun to catch a new species.

Not long after landing the first fish, the pole slammed down and was on its way into the water before Francisco grabbed it. We knew it was a big fish! Several minutes later, we had it in the net. What a fish! It measured in at 28 inches. Needless to say, we were stoked! It was the biggest Catfish they had landed at this spot on the river to this point.



The 28" Catfish we landed

While we fished, we noticed a Cat Face Spider starting to weave a new web close to where our poles were. It was amazing to see nature's art take shape right in front of us. Before too long, we found ourselves throwing bugs into the web to watch the Cat Face wrap them up like a bug burrito and chow down.

We landed another 20" fish and lost two that felt just as big as the 28" beast we landed earlier that night. One was lost to a bad knot and the other broke the line. It was mission accomplished around 2:30 am having had a successful first catfishing experience.



