

Channel Catfish

Ictalurus punctatus



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ADULT SIZE

Typically 15-25 inches,
can reach over 40 inches.
Usually weighs 2-10 pounds,
can reach 37 pounds.

TYPICAL FOODS

They are omnivorous and
will eat a wide variety of
items including insect
larvae, crayfish, mollusks,
fish (*dead or alive*) and
even some types
of fruits & berries.

FISHING TIP

Channel catfish are stocked
in Wallace Lake and Ohio
and Erie Canal fishing area
annually, and are also found
in good numbers in Lake Erie
and area rivers. Catfish find
their food by smell on the
river or lake bottom, and are
particularly fond of chicken
liver as bait fished during
low light periods.

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