

## The Crappie Fishing Checklist

Before you head out on the water, run through this checklist. Make sure you have the essentials on board to maximize your chances of catching crappie. The items on the recommended list are “nice-to-haves” and will up your chances but aren’t totally necessary.

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### ESSENTIALS

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#### Gear

- Rod and reel
  - Ultralight to light power rod, or cane pole
  - Spooled with 4-8 lb test line
  - Spinning or spincasting (push button) reel
- Jigs
  - 1/2 to 2 inches long
    - Chartreuse (lime green)
    - Brown, black or other dark color
    - White, silver, red or other bright color
    - Maribou type (hairy)
- Jig heads
  - 1/32 to 1/8 oz, variety of colors
- Barrel swivels
  - Regular type
  - Three-way type
- Bobbers
  - Fixed bobber(s) for water less than 5 feet
  - Slip bobber(s) for water deeper than 5 feet
    - Bobber stops
- Hooks
  - At least 5, Number 1 or 2 size
- Sinkers
  - At least 10, 1/8 oz split shot
- Live Bait
  - 1 dozen/person
    - Fathead or Golden Shiner minnows
      - 1” – 2” in size
- Cooler with ice for fish

#### Tools

- Line clippers
- Forceps/Needle-nose pliers
- Tape measure
- Knife
- Fishing regulations
- Net

#### Personal

- Sunscreen
- Polarized sunglasses
- Hat
- Water (or beer)
- Snacks
- Towel(s)
- Fishing license
- Phone
- First aid kit
- Insect repellent
- Warm weather gear, if applicable
- Rain coat
- Life jackets

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### RECOMMENDED

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#### Gear

- Spinners
  - Safety pin style
  - In-line style
- Crankbaits
  - Less than 2”
    - Diving style
    - Lipless style
- Extra fishing line

#### Tools

- Depth Finder
- Multiple rods, if allowed in your state
- Contour map of lake
- Weather radio
- Flashlight

#### Personal

- Hand sanitizer
- Toilet paper