



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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GRAB A BUDDY - IT'S TIME TO GO FISHING!

Hook a memory - don't let go!

Wherever your Labor Day travels take you – a limitless supply of wondrous treasures await on Iowa's [rivers](#), [lakes](#) and [neighborhood ponds](#).

Enticing a fish to bite your hook is always fun, and can be relaxing or [challenging](#) as you decide to make it. Hook lasting memories with family and friends and put your worries behind you. Many of life's problems are better off solved after a few hours of fishing.



Hooking summer catfish

When the bite for other fish slows down in the heat of Iowa summers, you can always count on channel catfish.

Try these [simple tips](#) for catching Ol' Whiskers.

Sign up for the [weekly fishing report](#) to find out where the catfish bite is the hottest.

Top spots to catch big fish

Add a Master Angler Award to your fishing accomplishments this Labor Day weekend. Late summer is a great time to catch big fish.

Quickly find the best spots to catch Master Angler qualifying size fish with our electronic map on the [Master Angler website](#). Click on "Map" above the photos or search for local hotspots by species or location.



Take the
**MASTER
ANGLER
CHALLENGE!**



The banner features a dark green background with the text "Take the MASTER ANGLER CHALLENGE!" in white and yellow. In the center is the Iowa Department of Natural Resources logo, which includes a fish and the text "IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES" and "IOWA". To the right of the logo are two photographs: one of a man in a dark jacket holding a large fish on a boat, and another of a man in a tan jacket holding a large fish on a boat.