

## First time Fishing The Rocks + Snakes and LC's.

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A couple of firsts today, the first time fishing The Rocks and the first time fishing with my new Shimano LC's.

We got here about 10:30am and found a crap load of snakes about 2-3 feet long, we later found out from JD that they were diamond back water snakes, a good job they were not diamond back rattlers lol



First fish on right hand rod about 2/3rds of the way out, lost on snag about 20 yards from the bank. I had my left hand rod out maybe 20 yards from the south bank about 70 yards

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upstream about 2pm I got a take on it and it was a heavy fish, it did not have fast runs at all though it was not letting me turn it at all, I noticed that the rod was bent over pretty constantly and it was not up and down as usual, I put this down to the very smooth clutch of the LC's, the Shimano 10K Aero's tended to give bursts of line. anyway as I said this fish was heavy and took a while for me to turn it, when I did it went straight for the same sang as before. After I got snagged up a few more times I was reluctant to cast out at all.

After Matt landed one safely, (he netted it on his own lol I told him I wasn't getting in with all them bloody snakes around, that was before I found out they were harmless.) I thought I'd give it another go. As the water was coming up pretty quickly (the hydroelectric dams were open) I waded out to bring my pod a little bit closer to shore and a 4 foot snake swam right in front of me just as I got out the water.

Just as we were ready to pack up I got a 20lb Channel Catfish which I got 2/3rds of the way out and landed it easily as it came straight to the top and I simply pulled it over top the snags, I also think the deeper water helped with this.

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Finally, about 6:30pm or so I had a 12lb common.  
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