

## **Testimonials**

### **USA Today**

*10 great places to fill your plate*

“Gluttony, the ancients warned, is a sin, but those abstemious ancients never supped at America’s plentiful buffet restaurants. All-you-can-eat is still one of America’s best deals – and the food’s pretty darned good, too. “The deep fried balls of cornmeal known as hush puppies got their name because ‘you could toss one the dog while cooking and it would shut up!’ ...try the catfish and hush puppies”

### **Gourmet Magazine**

*Blue Plate Highways*

“...Catfish N, one of the most popular rustic “fish camps”...features ‘eat-til-you-drop’ catfish and hush puppy feasts every evening”

### **Roadfood and Goodfood**

*Jane and Michael Stern’s Coast-to-Coast Restaurant Guides*

“The catfish is delicious – hearty steaks with a good snap to the breading...absolutely fresh – like you’d just caught it yourself.” “Best hush puppies in the United States”

### **Newsweek Magazine**

*Where the Wonderful Things Are*

“How about hush puppies? In Dardanelle, Ark, visit Catfish N, where these golden sticks of starch ‘are moist and oniony, made of coarse cornmeal, so that when they are deep-fried, the outside of each hushpup toughens into a chewy skin with a sandy texture”

### **Dallas Morning News**

*Travel: 5 distinctly different trips well worth the ride*

“Catfish N is the place to sample crunchy fried catfish and hush puppies”

### **US News & World Report Magazine**

*Great American Getaways: Ozarks Heritage*

“Lake Dardanelle, a good spot to swim, ski, sail – or fish for 200-pound alligator gar, 40-pound catfish and 20-pound striped bass. If you don’t catch anything, you can sample a local favorite at Catfish N in Dardanelle. This no-frills eatery on the banks of the Arkansas River sells a ton catfish each month.”

### **Arkansas Democrat-Gazette**

*Dining Review “Serious eaters will gobble fare at fresh catfish buffet by river”*

“On the banks of the Arkansas River, Catfish N is direct and to the point. The purpose is eating. The food - lots of it, tasty and plentiful – is centered on the catfish and shrimp.”

### **Southern Food**

*John Egerton*

“One of the curious things about catfish restaurants is how so many good ones are tucked away in small towns off the main highways, or even hidden in backwoods locations far from the nearest paved road...Catfish N is a popular riverbank restaurant on a back street in Dardanelle, Arkansas.”

**Arkansas Times**

*Reader's Choice Awards*

“Best Catfish” winner 21 times

**US News and World Report – Rand McNally Top Ten Tour Guide**

*The Ozarks*

“Arkansas’s 600,000-plus acres of lakes and 9,700 miles of streams lure fisherman from all over, but the most enthusiastic anglers are Arkansans – 2 of every 5 has a fishing license. If you haven’t caught one yourself, Catfish N in Dardanelle serves its own version, complete with hush puppies – deep-fried cornbread and onion balls. This simple eatery, a brown-wood building perched on the banks of the Arkansas River, sells a ton of catfish every month”

**Martha Stewart Living Magazine**

*Tasty Destinations: Road Trips*

“Four words sum up an enthusiastic editorial assistant’s review: “All you can eat!” The Catfish N cooks up homey Southern food, specializing in fried fillets of its namesake, amazing hush puppies, fried biscuits with honey, and ribs, among other treats. Skip the salad bar and head straight for the dessert bar, where the apple and peach cobblers are warm and ready to be topped with ice cream. Take advantage of the outdoor seating, right on the river.”

**Eat Your Way Across the U.S.A.**

*500 Diners, Farmland Buffets, Lobster Shacks, Pie Places, and Other All-American Eateries: Jan and Michael Stern*

“Catfish N is an eating barn above the Arkansas River where the catfish is succulent, encased in a golden crust, and accompanied by onion-sweet hush Puppies. Cole slaw and French fries are also part of the help-your-self, all-you-can-eat deal, as are a good assortment of pickles, onions, hot sauces, peppers, and lemon wedges. The big feed here, an Arkansas custom, is immensely popular among the locals as well as travelers along I-40, so beware of long lines and a wait at meal time”

**Russellville, AR Daily Courier**

*The River Valley's Best of the Best Reader's Choice Awards*

2003 Best Fish Restaurant and 2003 Best Seafood Restaurant