

Making your own Ground bait

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Ground bait is a brilliant method to use in many types of fishing.

You can add almost anything you want into a mix and pack it with all types of flavours and aromas. Ground bait is basically a combination of ingredients mixed together and bound with water. This mix is then made into balls which are then thrown or catapulted out into the water to the spot where you are fishing.

Depending on the use of the ground bait it may be made to break up quickly on contact with the water to create a 'cloud' of particles that is attractive to fish feeding in mid-water or it can be made to sink to the bottom where the balls slowly break down and release feed to the fish feeding on the bottom.

The use of ground bait in carp fishing is one of the most underrated methods. The groundbait s work primarily by attracting small species into your area e.g. Roach, Rudd, Bream etc and in turn this will attract the carp due to the feeding activities of the small fish. This all helps to make the carp compete more against each other and hopefully make a mistake in picking up the hook bait.

The different sized particles in ground baits often get trapped under gravel, in weed and in silt so keep the carp grubbing around and returning for more. Other small, more soluble particles will lift off of the bottom and keep more attraction filtering into the water column helping bring more fish into your baited area.

Ground bait will keep fish returning and feeding for longer, so during longer sessions fish will start to associate the area with food, creating your own feeding area. This can be very effective and should be capitalised on by feeding on a little and often basis.

Making a fishmeal ground bait

This is a ground bait I have found as a good 'all rounder' but you can play around with all types of ingredients and add whatever you fancy.

You will need:

- Marine pellet powder
- Salmon micro feed
- Mini ultramix
- Purified blood powder
- Pure salmon oil
- Bucket for mixing
- A tub for water and flavours



Step 1:

Take the mixing bucket and add 1kg of marine pellet powder. This is a great powder which is full of appetisers, is very light and moves around in the water producing a lovely cloud. When the fish start rooting around this really gets them feeding hard.



Step 2:

Add ½ kg of salmon micro feed. This is great for keeping the fish grubbing around for long periods - and keeps them returning.

Step 3:

Add a few handfuls of mini ultra mix; this adds some slightly larger food particles and different sized pellets with varying break down times to help keep drawing fish in.



Step 4:

Add 1 decent handful of purified blood powder; this is great for binding the ground bait and leaks off into the water well creating a lovely rich aroma. Mix all of these ingredients together thoroughly.

Step 5:

Add lake water to a tub with 50 ml of salmon oil, mixing it together well so when added to the ground bait it should distribute these flavours more evenly.

Add the water to the ground bait bit by bit so you do not make the mix too wet as once you put the liquid in you cannot take it out. Keep mixing the liquid in until you can squeeze the mix together. Keep any leftover liquid as after an hour or so you will probably need to add a little more as the ground bait would have soaked it all up.



Step 6:

Mould the ground bait into the required size making larger size balls for a short range fishing and a smaller size balls for long range fishing. You can use it a on a method feeder too.

The mix is now ready to go.



Good Luck

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