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## South Carolina State Parks

at 16:05:24 on 5/04/2010 UTC · 🌐



**Lisa Phillips** omg

at 16:07:44 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Penny Campbell** ICK!

at 16:08:17 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Bonnie Hughes Hamm** We watched a water snake eat a catfish at a local county park...he eventually turned it around to swallow the head first...cool pic!

at 16:08:19 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Angela Dawn** Wow, what an amazing picture!

at 16:08:22 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Becky Holmes** non-venomous. awesome picture. awesome animal.

at 16:10:47 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Dean M Spencer** aren't you suppose to post encouraging pics so people will come to the parks? lol jk, cool pic...

at 16:11:00 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Bill Bynum** Cool!!!!!!

at 16:12:42 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**South Carolina State Parks** Take a look at this cool photo captured by one of our rangers at Calhoun Falls State Recreation Area. As you can see a northern watersnake (nonvenomous - but it WILL bite) has caught its dinner and proceeds to eat the fish. How cool is nature? And you can see it at a state park!

at 16:12:48 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Becky Holmes** thanks : )

at 16:14:36 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Joseph Warren Blevins** That might be the coolest thing I have seen in a long time.

at 16:17:14 on 5/04/2010 UTC

**Teresa Renee Coker** um this makes me never want to go back there again. It was on of my faves on lake russell



at 16:17:19 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Dennis Crunch Chynoweth** This is a "one in a lifetime" photos. Tell him to enter it in ANY show he can! Beautiful coloring, both live and dead.

at 16:19:52 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Mike Carpenter** Could easily be mistaken for a copperhead.

at 16:20:55 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Sue Ann Tarkenton** Beautiful snake. . . I know seems like an oxymoron but you have to admit it has a lovely pattern and coloring.

at 16:26:05 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Brenda Carder Counts** Extremely cool picture...but just a little creepy too!

at 16:28:13 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Susan Haney** OH HECK NO!!!!!!!!!!!!

at 16:29:03 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Joe Findley** Looks like a copperhead, because of the diamond shaped head.

at 16:33:57 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**David R Walker** Nerodia sipedon, looks and acts like a copper head, that's its defense

at 16:36:12 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Norma Cooler** Oh, my gosh.....thanks for sharing such a great photo!

at 17:06:28 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Cindy Medlin** While camping I enjoy the birds and nature but I try not to think about the snakes and spiders. LOL

at 17:35:04 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**David Adamson** That is why shape of head, and or pattern should not be used to identify venomous/nonvenomous snakes. Only the eyes, and the pits tell the truth, with the exception of the Corral Snake.

at 17:55:19 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Louise De Jonge** ..fish 6 chips...:-)

at 17:59:10 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Ann Birdie Hammond** Wow, and we'll be up there next week! We'll def watch our step.

at 18:09:02 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Ben Stegenga** Actually, northern water snakes ( Nerodia sipedon) and copperheads (Agkistrodon contortrix) have very different patterns and aren't very hard to tell apart at all. Here's a link to a site that has pictures comparing the two.

<http://fwie.fw.vt.edu/VHS/venomous-look-a-likes/copperhead-look-a-likes/copperhead.asp#watersnake>

at 18:25:22 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Sharon Dandridge Steele** Ben - thanks for that link.

at 19:41:10 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Gene-Ann Stromberg** good picture but thats a water snake

at 20:14:12 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Pamela Thomasson-Vanderford** Oh lordy they are AMAZING but creepier~~~

at 23:21:25 on 5/04/2010 UTC



**Charles Boyer** Nice catch  
at 1:10:19 on 5/05/2010 UTC



**Mike Carpenter** We all know its a watersnake but the pattern at a glance gets cluttered while your running.  
at 1:18:47 on 5/05/2010 UTC



**Tamara Case Barkley** And I am going paddling Saturday.....Not cool!  
at 1:40:04 on 5/05/2010 UTC



**Jeri Fawcett** Oh! I had no idea they caught fish. But it makes perfect sense.  
at 3:01:48 on 5/05/2010 UTC