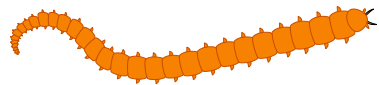


Find a fishing position where your child can see into the water and where there are no obstructions directly below. You will be fishing nearly straight down. Most of the fish around piers lurk close to the underwater structure where there is weed for cover and a host of small animals for food.

Set up the rod and reel, open the bale arm and thread the line through the rings. Make up a paternoster tackle (page 42) with a 25gm lead and a number 6 hook. If you have practised this will only take a minute or two.

Open your pack of ragworms, keep them, still in the pack, in your bait box. When you are not actually taking a worm from the box keep it in the shade, worms spoil quickly in hot sunshine.



Ragworms are rather daunting at first sight. Worse, they will attempt to bite you

but unless you have some particularly huge worms you are safe. Whole worms are too big for this sort of fishing, break or cut off a section as long as the straight part of your hook and thread it round the hook into place.

You should get three or four baits from one worm. It's important that there is no loose end of worm dangling or small fish may tug at it and steal the bait.

You might not be able to drop the tackle straight down, often you will have to swing it out a metre or so in order to miss the thickest of the weed.



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