

Crayfish Tales
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ARIZONA CRAYFISH

CATCHING CRAYFISH IN ARIZONA

CRAYFISH - THE SWEDISH NATIONAL DISH

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When my father came home one day with a sack of crayfish, little did I know that it would propel me into a lifelong love affair. Soon I learned that Swedes and crayfish over the years have formed a deep affection that have turned crayfish into a national dish. I also learned that when August rolls around, Swedes begin thinking about parties with colored lanterns, festive tables and heaping dishes of red cooked crayfish enjoyed on verandas under a rising moon.

As an immigrant I brought that love for crayfish with me to the US. When I discovered that Arizona had crayfish in almost every lake, I became ecstatic. Soon I spent days and weeks in the Arizona mountains and on Indian reservations scouting for, and catching large amounts of these delicious crustaceans.

Finally I found a lake on the Apache reservation that has an enormous amount of crayfish. Together with the VASA Order of America and its Arizona lodges, we spent numerous summers at Crayfish Campouts at this lake. Here, members of the VASA Lodge joined me and my family for a week of catching crayfish in Swedish imported traps, and then finally gathering under, hopefully, a full moon, to eat and enjoy these delicacies.

This love for crayfish has followed me into retirement. Now I want you to also have this chance to catch your own crayfish for delightful meals

of a nutritionally healthy food. And it is fun and it is free for the catching. On my web page www.TrapperArne.com you'll find all you need to know about catching this free and tasty food. 'Trapper Arne' tells you about crayfish traps and other methods of catching your next crustaceous meal.

Invite your friends to go fishing for crayfish and enjoy them together during a crayfish fest with colorful table cloths, napkins, festive lanterns, some bread of Swedish Rye-King, butter and beer. And of course you may need some Swedish stainless steel crayfish knives for cleaning the 'critters'. If your background is Swedish, this is your chance to revive some of that heritage of your forefathers.

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Happy crayfish catching!

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