



FRESHWATER CAST · FRIDAY CAST · CLONE PFL PILOT

Madison County Public Lake: Cool-Down Ahead & PFL Permit Bite

Madison County Public Lake · Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · ADCNR Public Fishing Lake

Highs ~90° Fri → ~77° Sun (NWS HUN/BMX edge · AL-north band)

Orange pin 34.81039, -86.39198

Sunday storms likely — pack a shell; abort for lightning

Daily PFL permit + AL license · soft recreational

North-Alabama PFLs open this weekend under a warmer Friday, a building Saturday risk, and a wet Sunday — earn dawn on the fair cards and treat the permit desk as part of the launch.

● MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

SharedFeeds **AL-north** band pulled Friday morning CT for the Fri–Sun window (NWS grid via the locked north representative pin). **Friday** is the cleanest opener (~90°F / ~66°F, mostly sunny, low storm chance). **Saturday** stays warm (~87°F / ~65°F) with a slight-to-chance shower/storm risk. **Sunday** cools and turns wet (~77°F / ~60°F, showers and thunderstorms ~80%). Confirm live NWS before you leave the driveway — north pins sit near the HUN/BMX edge depending on county.

For bass on a managed Public Fishing Lake: lean **first light Friday and Saturday**, then treat Sunday as a short-window or scrub-call day. These are small, fertile, cover-rich waters — managed pond-style lakes, not river-current fisheries. Clarity confirms at the ramp. Soft recreational pressure on a mixed weekend — no named ABT / ABA / B.A.S.S. trail event pulled for this PFL on Oct 2–4.

FRIDAY OCT 2

~90°F

Low ~66° · ~10% precip · light
Mostly sunny

Sunrise **6:40 AM** · Sunset **6:30 PM CT**

Best bite: First light--~9 AM CT on slick banks

SATURDAY OCT 3

~87°F

Low ~65° · ~40% precip · light
Slight-chance showers then slight-chance storms

Sunrise **6:41 AM** · Sunset **6:29 PM CT**

Best bite: Dawn topwater; watch afternoon cells

SUNDAY OCT 4

~77°F

Low ~60° · ~80% precip · light
Showers and thunderstorms

Sunrise **6:42 AM** · Sunset **6:27 PM CT**

Best bite: Short windows only; abort for lightning

Day cards from SharedFeeds AL-north band-forecasts (2026-10-02). Confirm live NWS and the Outdoor Alabama lake page before you buy the permit.

● ADCNR PFL CHEAT SHEET

This water is an **ADCNR State Public Fishing Lake**. Your live board is the **Outdoor Alabama lake page**, the on-site permit desk, ramp status, and the sky.

ITEM	FRI-SUN NOTE	FAILOVER
Permit & license	Daily lake permit + valid Alabama fishing license required. Personal-boat launch is tied to the lake permit for fishing boats.	Outdoor Alabama PFL pages · on-site desk
Access	ADCNR State Public Fishing Lake in Madison County. Public boat ramp on site; bank fishing where posted. Daily lake permit plus a valid Alabama fishing license; launching for fishing boats is tied to the lake permit per Outdoor Alabama. Confirm open status, hours, and fees on the lake page before you trailer.	OA lake page · pin 34.81039, -86.39198
Storm / safety	Sunday's wet card is the risk day. If thunder is close, trailer and wait. Life jacket on when the boat is underway.	Live NWS · on-water observation

Madison County Public Lake (Managed county PFL water, Madison County). Soft bite notes: points, brush, piers, and the first break off the bank at dawn; shade and thicker cover once the day heats. Confirm open status — some AL PFLs rotate renovation or restocking closures; this Cast does not override the agency page.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Primary public bank and pier access is on-site at **Madison County Public Lake**. Named access: the ADCNR PFL facility at orange pin **34.81039, -86.39198** (Madison County). Work permitted shoreline, piers, and posted day-use banks — points, brush edges, and shaded pockets at first light before Friday's sun hardens the flat.

Buy the daily lake permit before the first cast; keep the license on you. Hydrate on the warm Friday–Saturday cards. Stay off closed renovation banks and respect other anglers on a small shoreline. Confirm hours on the [Outdoor Alabama lake page](#) before you lock the truck.

KAYAK

Launch at the **named on-site PFL ramp** when open and permitted; confirm ramp and parking before you strap the boat. Fish shoreline cover, points, and protected pockets — a full lap is often a morning, not an expedition.

PFD on, whistle, dry bag for permit paperwork. Have a bailout bank for Sunday storms. If Sunday's storms stack, treat the trip as a short dawn attempt or stay home — small PFLs give you nowhere to hide from lightning.

BOAT

Plan: **first light--~9 AM CT** on points and visible cover; mid-morning shade, piers, and the first drop; abort when thunder walks in. Launch early at the on-site PFL ramp when open — confirm ramp status after overnight rain before you trailer.

Fish bait, birds, and cover. Idle slow near bank anglers. Carry a topwater rod for slick dawn banks and soft plastics for stained post-rain edges after Saturday–Sunday pulses.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait bone/chrome at dawn on slick Friday banks. Poppers over brush pockets. Soft buzzbait under Saturday cloud cover.

MID

Spinnerbait white/chartreuse when a breeze chops. Soft swimbait off points. Squarebill citrus on hard banks or riprap.

BOTTOM

Green pumpkin creature or Texas-rig worm in brush. Weightless stick bait after a crowd pulse. Compact jig on the first break off the bank.

● BASS LIFE STAGE

Early October on north-Alabama PFLs is a post-summer / early-fall feed on managed, cover-rich water. Largemouth relate to shoreline brush, points, piers, and the first drop — not river ledges or dam current. Spawning is long done; fish feed and comfort one morning at a time. Handle quickly in still-warm water and release fish you will not keep.

● FORAGE THIS WEEK

Most likely menu: bluegill and juvenile sunfish around brush and piers, plus any shad the lake carries in open pockets. Hatch reports are thin on PFLs — match bank pops at dawn. After rain, stained water often wants a brighter or noisier profile until color settles.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

Bream / bluegill on the same brush the bass use. Catfish on deeper holes where allowed. Crappie soft language if brush piles are present — confirm seasons and limits live.

Crowd / Heavy Traffic: No named national trail event pulled for this PFL Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4. Soft recreational pressure Friday–Saturday; Sunday storms thin the lot. Regs and permit rules confirm live before you keep fish.

● PATTERN NOTES (THIS WEEK)

Early October on this Public Fishing Lake is a feed-and-comfort game: warm Friday dawn, building Saturday risk, wet Sunday. Cooler nights after Sunday's storms should sharpen later-week topwater once the pattern dries — but this Cast window ends Sunday.

Start every morning by walking one trusted bank or pier before the first long cast. If bait or bluegill are popping, open with a walking bait or spinnerbait; if the bank is quiet after rain, open with a Texas-rig, creature, or soft stick bait on stained edges. Outdoor Alabama, the permit desk, ramp

feel, birds, and bank bait are your live board.

● MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC LAKE MIDWEEK NOTES

Madison County Public Lake is a managed ADCNR Public Fishing Lake at orange pin **34.81039, -86.39198** (Madison County). Managed county PFL water. The shared north-Alabama pattern applies; this product is stamped with this lake's own name, pin, and access stub so a hub click lands on the right title.

Access in one line: ADCNR State Public Fishing Lake in Madison County. Public boat ramp on site; bank fishing where posted. Daily lake permit plus a valid Alabama fishing license; launching for fishing boats is tied to the lake permit per Outdoor Alabama. Confirm open status, hours, and fees on the lake page before you trailer.

Friday's mostly sunny card is the cleanest topwater window. Saturday still fishable around slight storm chances. Sunday's wet card is a short-trip or scrub-call decision. Confirm the lake is open on Outdoor Alabama before you spend the permit — renovation notices rotate on some north PFLs.

● ON THE WATER THIS WINDOW

Treat dawn as the whole trip on the warmest days. A clean first hour on a point, brush edge, pier, or first break beats three hours of high-sun wandering on a small lake.

Decision fork: calm slick mornings open with a topwater or walking bait on the first clean bank you trust; breezy or rain-chop mornings open with a spinnerbait or soft plastic along the windward or stained edge, then rotate to shade. Primary this week is largemouth on shoreline cover and piers.

Confirm lake open status and permit rules before you trailer. Birds and bank bait beat a guess.

Extra lane discipline on a Clone PFL product: the shared corridor forecast is real, but the ramp lot, permit line, and which bank is productive still belong to this lake alone. Walk this shoreline and let this lake's bluegill and bank bait set the first rod. If a renovation notice appears on Outdoor Alabama after this Cast was stamped, the agency page wins.

● WINDOW DISCIPLINE

Leave time margin for the permit desk, the ramp, and the drive. Get Friday's dawn hour right — it is the fairest card. Soft pressure evaporates whenever a Saturday lull looks fishable on a small PFL.

Practical pre-launch check: Outdoor Alabama open/closed status, permit and license in hand, ramp feel after rain, and a glance at live NWS plus lightning for Sunday. Keep a rain shell even when Friday looks fair.

Pure-Gas.org E0 · this water

No Pure-Gas.org station list is saved yet for this PFL orange pin. Before you leave Madison County, search **Pure-Gas.org** for ethanol-free fuel near the lake and confirm E0 grade at the pump if grade matters to you. Listings change; this Cast does not invent station names or miles.

E0 stub only — reader verifies on Pure-Gas.org. No pump prices on this card.

SOURCES

SharedFeeds band-forecasts AL-north (2026-10-02 dump) · Outdoor Alabama State Public Fishing Lakes / lake page for Madison County Public Lake · ADCNR PFL facility pin (34.81039, -86.39198) · Pure-Gas.org (reader search; no saved station list for this pin) · state regs (live) · Trail calendars skimmed (no named event confirmed unless noted).