



FRESHWATER CAST · FRIDAY CAST · GEORGIA

## Blue Ridge: Clear Rock Before a Wetter Sunday

Friday Oct 2 – Sunday Oct 4, 2026 · Blue Ridge Lake · bank, kayak & boat · ET clocks

Fri ~86° · Sat ~84° · Sun ~70° · storms Sat night / Sun rain risk

KTOC baro ~30.16 in · ET

Confirm TVA Blue Ridge boards

Weekend recreational · no named trail event

*Highland clear-water dawns still fish — then Saturday night storms and a cooler Sunday risk on the north band.*

### ● MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

**NWS Greer / north-Georgia band** (locked weather-band pin **hartwell** — Fri Oct 2 morning pull):

**Friday (~86°F)** Mostly Sunny, S 1 to 6 mph. Overnight near ~71° (Partly Cloudy then Slight Chance Showers And Thunderstorms). **Saturday (~84°F)** Mostly Cloudy then Slight Chance Showers And Thunderstorms, SW 1 to 6 mph; Saturday night ~67° — Showers And Thunderstorms. **Sunday (~70°F)** Rain Showers, NE 6 to 9 mph, overnight near ~65°.

**Barometer:** KTOC (Toccoa) METAR **A3016 (~30.16 inHg)**, calm, cloudy (**Fri Oct 2 ~6:55 AM ET**). North-band Saturday night / Sunday rain risk still applies.

**Crowd / Heavy Traffic:** No named major trail event pulled for Blue Ridge Lake on **Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4**. Expect classic early-October recreational pressure on dry hours — lighter than midsummer.

#### WINDOW

**Fri–Sun**

ET clocks

#### WATER CLARITY / DEPTH

**Estimate:** Typically **clear**; pockets lightly stained after storms. No live turbidity sensor used.

**Dawn–midmorning:** steep rock and points surface–20 ft.

**Midday:** slide deeper on bait — clear water rewards longer casts.

#### CROWD / PRESSURE

Weekend recreational Sat–Sun if skies allow; Friday pressure tracks the storm chance on the live grid.

**FRIDAY OCT 2**

**~86°F**

Mostly Sunny · S 1 to 6 mph

Sunrise 7:31 AM · Sunset 7:19 PM ET

Fish the dry / softer hours before storms

Pack rain gear if thunder is in the grid

**SATURDAY OCT 3**

**~84°F**

Mostly Cloudy then Slight Chance Showers And  
Thunderstorms · SW 1 to 6 mph

Sunrise 7:32 AM · Sunset 7:17 PM ET

Split day if storms linger — morning first

Weekend traffic builds on dry hours

**SUNDAY OCT 4**

**~70°F**

Rain Showers · NE 6 to 9 mph

Sunrise 7:32 AM · Sunset 7:16 PM ET

Cooler / wetter pattern on many north/middle  
grids

Stain lines and wind banks if showers sit

Blue Ridge clear-water mornings still favor walking baits and drop-shots before any Sunday cool-down.

## ● DAM & CURRENT / GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

Live / provisional pulls **Fri Oct 2 morning ET**. Confirm TVA Blue Ridge boards before you launch.

| PROJECT                                        | OBSERVED                                                                                                                             | GENERATOR SCHEDULE                                                                                                     | HOW TO FISH IT                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Blue Ridge Dam (TVA)</b><br>TVA lake boards | Pool / generation board not duplicated here when the public feed is thin at this Cast pull — confirm TVA Blue Ridge lake board live. | <b>No fixed Fri–Sun public generator calendar posted</b> at this Cast pull. Boards stay thin — no guessed unit timing. | Steep rock and points carry more of the bite than a hard dam pulse while boards stay quiet. If generation climbs, bait can rearrange near the dam — kayaks need an exit plan and must stay out of restricted water. |

Schedules change — verify dam boards before you go.

## ● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

Public TVA recreation access — dawn and dusk on steeper rock you can reach legally. Clear water: longer casts, lighter line. Walking bait or soft jerk at first light; drop-shot or finesse jig once the sun hits. Sunday rain risk: wind banks and stain seams with a spinnerbait. Pack good soles and a light layer. Give weekend trail and campground traffic room on the obvious banks.

### KAYAK

Launch a quieter TVA / public ramp and hug lee rock on open fetches. PFD on — October mornings on clear mountain water still demand a layer and an exit plan. Fish points and rock transitions with a fluke at first light, then a light drop-shot once bait marks deeper. Stay out of dam restricted water. If thunder builds Saturday night into Sunday, get off early.

### BOAT

Graph rock points and bluff transitions Friday–Saturday before recreational traffic thickens the town-side lanes. Clear water: longer casts, lighter line, natural colors. Confirm TVA Blue Ridge boards before dam-adjacent plans — do not guess a pool number when the public elev feed is thin. Keep life jackets ready and shorten midday runs if Sunday rain risk turns into active lightning over the main lake. Confirm the live TVA board before long afternoon idles after a front.

## ● ETHANOL-FREE FUEL NEAR THIS WATER

### PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · THIS WATER

Source: [Pure-Gas.org](https://pure-gas.org) station identity · reused for this Cast window (stations only — **no pump prices**)

**Windy Ridge Conoco** — 4900 Us Hwy 76, Blue Ridge, GA · ~1.8 mi · 87/89/93 octane E0

**Coon's Country Store** — 12305 Hwy 60, Morganton, GA · ~2.1 mi · 87 octane E0

**Bill's Conv Store** — 10122 Blue Ridge Dr, Blue Ridge, GA · ~2.5 mi · 90 octane E0

**Loving Rd Stop & Go** — 1416 Loving Rd, Morganton, GA · ~3.3 mi · 87/89/93 octane E0

Listed E0 stations from Pure-Gas.org (crowdsourced). Listings move — verify literal E0 / ethanol-free grade at the pump. No pump prices published in this Cast. Call ahead — availability changes. Distances are rough estimates to the lake reference point.

## ● LURE BOX — TOP / MID / BOTTOM

### TOP

Small walking bait  
(bone/chrome)

Popper on slick rock

Tiny buzzbait on rippled  
points

### MID

Fluke / soft jerk

Small swimbait / underspin

Spybait on clear midday

### BOTTOM

Drop-shot smoke/green

Ned / mushroom jig

Light tube on rock

**Stain/clear:** Typically clear — natural, smoke, green, translucent shad; skip heavy chartreuse unless a pocket muddies after Sunday rain.

## ● BASS LIFE STAGE + WHAT'S ON THE MENU

**Early fall** on a clear mountain reservoir — spots and smallmouth still relating to rock and bait rather than a deep winter stack.

**What's on the menu:** **baitfish** and craw on rock.

## ● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- **Spotted bass** — primary; rock and points
- **Smallmouth** — steeper rock where present
- **Largemouth** — softer pockets
- **Walleye** — if present (check regs)
- **Trout specialty** — where in season

Regs: live-check GADNR Fishing before keeping fish — do not hardcode inch limits.

[gadnrle.org/fishing](http://gadnrle.org/fishing)

## ● LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday night–Sunday rain risk is the north-band watch item; confirm TVA Blue Ridge boards before you trailer. No named trail event pulled for Blue Ridge in this Cast window.

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Freshwater Cast · Friday Cast · Georgia · Drafted Fri Oct 2, 2026 · morning (late cycle after Friday GO) · Schedules change — verify dam boards before you go.

Window sequencing: treat Friday as the pattern day on the live NWS grid, then adjust Saturday–Sunday once overnight storms or clearing skies rearrange bait. Keep electronics honest — bait depth beats a fixed depth chart after a front.

Access discipline: fish named public ramps and posted banks first, rotate to secondary pockets when weekend traffic stacks the obvious corners, and leave a lightning exit plan on every run.

Confirm dam boards and the live forecast before you trailer — unit pulses and afternoon storm timing can shift a few hours either way inside this Cast window.

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