



FRESHWATER CAST · FRIDAY CAST · GEORGIA

Carters: Clear Rock Dawns, Wet Sunday Risk

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

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

KRMG baro ~30.10 in · ET

Confirm USACE Carters boards

Lighter weekend pressure · no named trail event

Clear highland rock still fishes first light — 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: KRMG (Rome) METAR **A3010 (~30.10 inHg)**, calm, clear (**Fri Oct 2 ~7:20 AM ET**). North-band Saturday night / Sunday rain risk still applies.

Crowd / Heavy Traffic: No named major trail event pulled for Carters Lake on **Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4**. Expect lighter weekend pressure than Lanier, still thickening on dry midday hours.

WINDOW

Fri–Sun

ET clocks

WATER CLARITY / DEPTH

Estimate: Typically **clear** on the main lake; 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 7:32 AM · Sunset 7:20 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 7:33 AM · Sunset 7:18 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 7:33 AM · Sunset 7:17 PM ET

Cooler / wetter pattern on many north/middle
grids

Stain lines and wind banks if showers sit

Carters clear-water smallmouth/spotted mix still wants first light on rock before any Sunday cool-down.

● DAM & CURRENT / GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

Live / provisional pulls **Fri Oct 2 morning ET**. Confirm USACE Mobile / Carters boards before you launch.

PROJECT	OBSERVED	GENERATOR SCHEDULE	HOW TO FISH IT
Carters Dam USACE Mobile	Pool / outflow board not duplicated here when the public elev feed is thin at this Cast pull — confirm USACE Mobile / Carters lake board live.	No fixed Fri–Sun public generator calendar posted 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 release 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

USACE recreation banks — dawn and dusk on steeper rock you can reach legally. Clear water means longer casts and lighter line; a walking bait or soft jerk at first light, then a drop-shot or finesse jig once the sun hits. Sunday rain risk: fish wind banks and any stain seams with a spinnerbait you can keep in contact. Pack good soles — Carters rock is slick with dew — and a light layer for cool mornings. Give weekend trail users room.

KAYAK

Launch a quieter USACE ramp and hug lee rock walls on open fetches. PFD on — clear highland water is cold-morning serious even when air is mild. 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 and give any marked hazard a wide berth. If thunder builds Saturday night into Sunday, get off early and do not wait for the first boom over the main lake.

BOAT

Graph rock points and bluff transitions Friday–Saturday before recreational traffic. Clear water: longer casts, lighter line, natural colors. Confirm USACE Mobile / Carters 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 lake.

● 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**)

Owen's Grocery — 2929 Us Hwy 411, Ranger, GA · ~4.7 mi · 87 octane E0

Parks Place Conv Store — 3178 Old Hwy 5 S, Ellijay, GA · ~6.3 mi · 87 octane E0

Roland's Gen Store — 6285 Tails Creek Rd, Ellijay, GA · ~7.2 mi · 85 octane E0

Barts Bait & Tackle — 8126 Hwy 136 W, Talking Rock, GA · ~8.0 mi · 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 highland 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)
- **Catfish** — cut bait

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

gadnrle.org/fishing

● LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday night–Sunday rain risk is the north-band watch item; confirm Carters boards before you trailer. No named trail event pulled for Carters 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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