



FRESHWATER CAST · FRIDAY CAST · GEORGIA

Oconee / Sinclair: Dock Dawns Before Middle-Band Storms

Friday Oct 2 – Sunday Oct 4, 2026 · Lakes Oconee & Sinclair · bank, kayak & boat · ET clocks

Fri ~87° · Sat ~85° · Sun ~76° · storms Sat–Sun risk

KAHN baro ~30.14 in · ET

Confirm GA Power Oconee/Sinclair boards

Weekend recreational · no named trail event

Twin-lake dock mornings still fish warm — then Saturday–Sunday storm chances on the middle band. Pack walking baits and rain gear.

● MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS Peachtree City / middle-Georgia band (locked weather-band pin **west-point-ga** — Fri Oct 2 morning pull): **Friday (~87°F)** Mostly Sunny then Chance Showers And Thunderstorms, SE 0 to 5 mph. Overnight near ~69° (Slight Chance Showers And Thunderstorms then Partly Cloudy). **Saturday (~85°F)** Chance Showers And Thunderstorms, E 0 to 5 mph; Saturday night ~69° — Chance Showers And Thunderstorms then Showers And Thunderstorms Likely. **Sunday (~76°F)** Showers And Thunderstorms, E 0 to 5 mph, overnight near ~66°.

Barometer: KAHN (Athens) METAR **A3014 (~30.14 inHg)**, calm, cloudy (**Fri Oct 2 ~7:20 AM ET**). Middle-band storm chances grow Saturday into Sunday.

Crowd / Heavy Traffic: No named major trail event pulled for Lakes Oconee / Sinclair on **Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4**. Expect weekend dock and ski pressure when skies are dry.

WINDOW

Fri–Sun

ET clocks

WATER CLARITY / DEPTH

Estimate: Often **stained to moderately clear** depending on arm and boat wake. No live turbidity sensor used.

Dawn–midmorning: docks, riprap, points surface–12 ft.

Midday: brush and channel swings deeper — adjust to bait.

CROWD / PRESSURE

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

FRIDAY OCT 2

~87°F

Mostly Sunny then Chance Showers And Thunderstorms · SE 0 to 5 mph

Sunrise 7:30 AM · Sunset 7:21 PM ET

Fish the dry / softer hours before storms

Pack rain gear if thunder is in the grid

SATURDAY OCT 3

~85°F

Chance Showers And Thunderstorms · E 0 to 5 mph

Sunrise 7:31 AM · Sunset 7:19 PM ET

Split day if storms linger — morning first

Weekend traffic builds on dry hours

SUNDAY OCT 4

~76°F

Showers And Thunderstorms · E 0 to 5 mph

Sunrise 7:31 AM · Sunset 7:18 PM ET

Cooler / wetter pattern on many north/middle grids

Stain lines and wind banks if showers sit

Oconee and Sinclair still fish docks and points in early October — first light Friday–Saturday before any Sunday storm cool-down.

● DAM & CURRENT / GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

Live / provisional pulls **Fri Oct 2 morning ET**. Confirm Georgia Power Oconee / Sinclair boards before you launch.

PROJECT	OBSERVED	GENERATOR SCHEDULE	HOW TO FISH IT
Oconee / Sinclair (Georgia Power) Georgia Power lake boards	Pool / generation board not duplicated here when the public feed is thin at this Cast pull — confirm Georgia Power lake boards live for both projects.	No fixed Fri–Sun public generator calendar posted at this Cast pull. Boards stay thin — no guessed unit timing.	Docks, riprap, and points carry more of the bite than a hard pulse while boards stay quiet. If generation climbs, bait can rearrange near the dams — 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 park banks on Oconee around **Sugar Creek** and Sinclair around **Dennis Station** / park banks — dawn and dusk where walking is posted. Start with a walking bait or soft jerk along shaded docks; once the sun hits, a shaky head or creature on dock corners and riprap. Sunday storms: spinnerbait on stain seams. Give private docks room and stay on posted public footing. Pack rain gear if the middle-band storm chance verifies.

KAYAK

Launch a quieter park ramp on either lake rather than fighting noon ski traffic on the main channels. PFD on, and keep a lightning exit plan — Saturday into Sunday storm chances on the middle band are real. Fish lee docks and pocket backs with a fluke at first light, then a light jig or Ned once bait marks deeper under the docks. Stay out of dam restricted water on both Georgia Power projects. If thunder builds, get off early — graphite rods and open water are not a debate.

BOAT

Graph docks, points, and brush at first light before weekend traffic dirties the calm lanes between Oconee and Sinclair. Confirm Georgia Power boards for both projects before dam-adjacent plans — do not guess a pool number when feeds are thin. Sunday: windward banks and stain lines if storms sit; keep life jackets ready and shorten the midday run if lightning is in the grid. Confirm boards 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**)

Bass Boat House — 140 Bass Rd, Milledgeville, GA · ~1.6 mi · 89 octane E0 — mid-grade E0

Coops Landing — 6822 Carr Station Rd, Sparta, GA · ~3.1 mi · 87 octane E0

Lake Laurel Mart — 216 Sparta Hwy Ne, Milledgeville, GA · ~3.5 mi · 87 octane E0

Milledgeville 76 — 155 Roberson Mill Rd, Milledgeville, GA · ~3.8 mi · 90 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

Walking bait (chrome/bone)

Popper on dock shade

Small buzzbait on rippled banks

MID

Fluke / soft jerk

Spinnerbait on storm stain

Squarebill on riprap

BOTTOM

Shaky head

Green-pumpkin creature

Ned on pressure docks

Stain/clear: Often lightly stained — natural shad and craw tones; bump vibration if Sunday storms muddy a pocket.

● BASS LIFE STAGE + WHAT'S ON THE MENU

Early fall on paired Georgia Power reservoirs — bass still relating to docks and points more than a deep winter stack.

What's on the menu: **threadfin shad** and bluegill around docks; craw on riprap.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- **Largemouth** — docks, wood, pockets
- **Spotted bass** — rock and points
- **Crappie** — brush / docks
- **Catfish** — channel edges
- **Striped bass** — when bait marks (check regs)

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

gadnrle.org/fishing

● LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday–Sunday storm chances are the middle-band watch item; confirm Georgia Power boards before you trailer. No named trail event pulled for Oconee/Sinclair in this Cast window.

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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.

Field note 1: keep presentations matched to bait on the graph rather than a fixed depth chart after overnight weather rearranges schools. Fish first light on the best day of the Fri–Sun window for your water, rotate off obvious crowded corners once weekend traffic stacks, and confirm dam boards plus the live NWS grid before long midday runs. Lightning ends the session — no debate.

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