



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST INDIANA

Monroe Lake: Largemouth bass Midweek Plan

Monday Sep 21 – Thursday Sep 24, 2026 · Monroe Lake · bank, kayak & boat · times in **ET** primary: Largemouth bass

Storm chances in window — lightning plan

Zone ET

Primary: Largemouth bass

Mon–Thu midweek

Monroe Lake will not reinvent itself overnight — but if you treat ****largemouth bass**** as the lead story and keep a lightning plan for midweek cells, Mon–Thu still hands you a usable window.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS IND / Smithville-Sanders corridor (pin Monroe Lake; pulled Sun Sep 20, 2026 · ~8:45 PM CT). All clock references below are **ET**. **Monday:** ~78°F — Chance Showers And Thunderstorms · precip ~49% · 2 to 6 mph NNE **Tuesday:** ~72°F — Mostly Cloudy · precip ~9% · 7 mph NE **Wednesday:** ~71°F — Mostly Cloudy · precip ~3% · 2 to 6 mph NNE **Thursday:** ~72°F — Partly Sunny · precip ~4% · 2 to 6 mph NE **Barometer / clarity:** not instrumented this pull — qualitative only. **Crowd:** Weekday soft unless noted. **No named trail event pulled for Mon–Thu** at Sunday evening research (do not invent).

WINDOW

Mon–Thu

through Thu evening ET

WATER CLARITY / DEPTH

Estimate only — no live turbidity used. Re-check after storms.

Match primary species: shallow edges dawn/dusk; deeper structure midday / post-front.

CROWD / PRESSURE

Weekday soft. **No named trail event pulled for Mon–Thu.** Soft recreational only.

MONDAY

~78°F

Chance Showers And Thunderstorms · precip
~49% · 2 to 6 mph NNE

Local times ET

Fish weather edges; off water for lightning

TUESDAY

~72°F

Mostly Cloudy · precip ~9% · 7 mph NE
Local times ET

Fish weather edges; off water for lightning

WEDNESDAY

~71°F

Mostly Cloudy · precip ~3% · 2 to 6 mph NNE
Local times ET

Fish weather edges; off water for lightning

THURSDAY

~72°F

Partly Sunny · precip ~4% · 2 to 6 mph NE
Local times ET

Fish weather edges; off water for lightning

● DAM & CURRENT / GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

Pull Sun Sep 20, 2026 · ~8:45 PM CT. Elevations and discharges are **not invented** — boards THIN at this pull; soft re-check before launch.

PROJECT	OBSERVED	GENERATOR SCHEDULE	HOW TO FISH IT
USACE Monroe Lake / Salt Creek USACE Louisville District · IDNR Monroe Lake	THIN at Sunday evening pull — no inventing elevations or unit counts. verify agency boards before you go.	No fixed Mon–Thu public generator calendar confirmed at pull. Soft re-check language.	Fish structure and bait first; when releases pulse, bait rearranges near channels — kayaks need an exit plan.

Schedules change — re-check before launch.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Dawn/dusk primary-species
windows on public banks and
park access.

Watch sky Tue–Wed if storms
in forecast.

Respect private docks /
restricted zones.

KAYAK

Protected coves when main-
lake wind rises.

PFD; skip stilling basins /
restricted water.

Soft weekday ramp ease vs
weekend.

BOAT

Graph bait / primary forage
first.

Storm edges can turn bites
briefly — then leave for
lightning.

Soft weekday traffic; plan
around any local events you
confirm live.

● ETHANOL-FREE FUEL NEAR THIS WATER

PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · NEAR THIS WATER

Source: [Pure-Gas.org](https://pure-gas.org) pulled **Sun Sep 20, 2026 · ~8:45 PM CT**

Current prices — may change; verify at the pump. Pure-Gas does not post pump prices; no prices invented.

Fairfax Market — 8600 Fairfax Rd, Bloomington, IN · ~2.5 mi · 90 octane E0 · COUNTRYMARK price not listed on Pure-Gas — verify at the pump 812-824-9996 [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

The Fishin' Shedd — 4855 S Hwy 446, Bloomington, IN · ~2.6 mi · 87/89/90 octane E0 · UNBRANDED price not listed on Pure-Gas — verify at the pump 812-837-9474 [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

Fourwinds Marina — 9301 S Fairfax Rd, Bloomington, IN · ~3.2 mi · 90 octane E0 · UNBRANDED price not listed on Pure-Gas — verify at the pump 812-824-2628 [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

Marathon — 5337 South Old State Road 37, Bloomington, IN · ~5.7 mi · 90 octane E0 · MARATHON price not listed on Pure-Gas — verify at the pump 812-824-9142 [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

● LURE BOX — TOP / MID / BOTTOM

TOP

Walking bait / spook at dawn

Popper on shade

Buzzbait on cloudy storm edges

MID

Squarebill on wood/rock

Spinnerbait on wind

Soft jerk / fluke

BOTTOM

Texas soft plastic

Football jig (crawl)

Ned / shaky on pressure

Stain/clear: Match water: natural/smoke in clear; chartreuse/black in stain after storms.

● PRIMARY SPECIES LIFE STAGE + WHAT'S ON THE MENU

Late summer → early fall transition on Monroe Lake. **Primary this week: Largemouth bass.**

Indiana's largest inland reservoir — late-summer/early-fall bass on points, timber, and creek arms; hybrid stripers and walleye also relevant.

What's on the menu (most likely): **shad + bluegill/craw on wood**. Tie lure size/color/retrieve to that forage — do not invent a specific hatch.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- ****Crappie / panfish**** — brush and docks
- ****Catfish**** — cut bait / night
- ****White bass / hybrids**** — if shad schools show

Indiana fishing regs (live-check): <https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/fishing/>

● LOOKING AHEAD

Cooler trend into late week may speed early-fall feel. **No named trail event pulled for Mon–Thu.** Re-check dam boards and NWS before each launch.

Sources: NWS forecast pull Sun Sep 20, 2026 · ~8:45 PM CT; Pure-Gas.org E0 identity Sun Sep 20, 2026 · ~8:45 PM CT; agency dam boards THIN/not confirmed this pull. Schedules change — re-check before launch.

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