



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST INDIANA

Patoka Lake: Largemouth bass Midweek Plan

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

Storm chances in window — lightning plan

Zone ET

Primary: Largemouth bass

Mon–Thu midweek

Patoka 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 LMK / Dubois corridor (pin Patoka Lake; pulled Sun Sep 20, 2026 · ~8:45 PM CT). All clock references below are **ET**. **Monday:** ~84°F — Slight Chance Showers And Thunderstorms · precip ~23% · 1 to 5 mph NE **Tuesday:** ~75°F — Slight Chance Rain Showers then Partly Sunny · precip ~15% · 6 mph NE **Wednesday:** ~73°F — Partly Sunny · precip ~3% · 2 to 6 mph NE **Thursday:** ~74°F — Partly Sunny · precip ~1% · 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

~84°F

Slight Chance Showers And Thunderstorms ·
precip ~23% · 1 to 5 mph NE

Local times ET

Fish weather edges; off water for lightning

TUESDAY

~75°F

Slight Chance Rain Showers then Partly Sunny ·
precip ~15% · 6 mph NE

Local times ET

Fish weather edges; off water for lightning

WEDNESDAY

~73°F

Partly Sunny · precip ~3% · 2 to 6 mph NE

Local times ET

Fish weather edges; off water for lightning

THURSDAY

~74°F

Partly Sunny · precip ~1% · 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 Patoka Lake USACE Louisville District · IDNR Patoka Lake SRA	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.

Patoka Lake Marina — 10634 Cr 940 W, French Lick, IN · ~4.8 mi · 90 octane E0 · UNBRANDED price not listed on Pure-Gas — verify at the pump 812-685-2445 [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

Patoka Station — 2991 N Dillard Rd, Birdseye, IN · ~5.2 mi · 90 octane E0 · UNBRANDED price not listed on Pure-Gas — verify at the pump 812-685-2203 [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

Sunny's #57 — 6661 St Marys, Celestine, IN · ~5.3 mi · 90 octane E0 · SUNOCO price not listed on Pure-Gas — verify at the pump 812-482-2707 [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

Sunny's #61 — 1 In-64, Birdseye, IN · ~8.2 mi · 90 octane E0 · SUNOCO price not listed on Pure-Gas — verify at the pump 812-389-2811 [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 Patoka Lake. **Primary this week: Largemouth bass.** High tournament-pressure reservoir; quality largemouth in timber and creek channels.

What's on the menu (most likely): **shad + bluegill**. 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.

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