



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST KANSAS

Clinton Lake: Smallmouth bass Midweek Plan

Monday Sep 21 – Thursday Sep 24, 2026 · Clinton Lake · bank, kayak & boat · times in **CT** primary: Smallmouth bass

Zone CT

Primary: Smallmouth bass

Mon–Thu midweek

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

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS TOP / Lawrence corridor (pin Clinton Lake; pulled Sun Sep 20, 2026 · ~8:45 PM CT). All clock references below are **CT**. **Monday:** ~75°F — Patchy Fog then Mostly Cloudy · precip ~12% · 5 mph N **Tuesday:** ~70°F — Mostly Cloudy · precip ~2% · 5 mph NE **Wednesday:** ~72°F — Mostly Sunny · precip ~0% · 5 mph E **Thursday:** ~73°F — Partly Sunny · precip ~13% · 5 mph E **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 CT

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

~75°F

Patchy Fog then Mostly Cloudy · precip ~12% · 5 mph N

Local times CT

Fish weather edges; off water for lightning

TUESDAY

~70°F

Mostly Cloudy · precip ~2% · 5 mph NE

Local times CT

Fish weather edges; off water for lightning

WEDNESDAY

~72°F

Mostly Sunny · precip ~0% · 5 mph E

Local times CT

Fish weather edges; off water for lightning

THURSDAY

~73°F

Partly Sunny · precip ~13% · 5 mph E

Local times CT

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 Clinton Lake USACE Kansas City District · Clinton State Park	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.

R & R Enterprises — 2301 Wakarusa Dr, Lawrence, KS · ~3.0 mi · 91 octane E0 · PHILLIPS 66 price not listed on Pure-Gas — verify at the pump 785-550-5560 [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

Casey's General Store — 6300 Bob Billings Pkwy, Lawrence, KS · ~3.2 mi · 87/91 octane E0 · CASEY'S price not listed on Pure-Gas — verify at the pump 785-312-9291 [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

Hy-Vee — 3905 W Clinton Pkwy, Lawrence, KS · ~3.9 mi · 87/91 octane E0 · HY-VEE price not listed on Pure-Gas — verify at the pump 785-830-8531 [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

Hy-Vee — 4000 W 6th St, Lawrence, KS · ~5.0 mi · 87/91 octane E0 · HY-VEE price not listed on Pure-Gas — verify at the pump 785-832-8545 [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

● LURE BOX — TOP / MID / BOTTOM

TOP

Walking bait on calm mornings

Popper along rock

Small buzzbait on cloudy edges

MID

Ned rig / tube on rock

Dropshot on clear points

Spybait / soft jerk

BOTTOM

Football jig (crawl)

Damiki / hair jig

Carolina crawl

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 Clinton Lake. **Primary this week: Smallmouth bass.**

Clear-water Lawrence lake — smallmouth and walleye thrive; largemouth present.

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

Kansas fishing regs (live-check): <https://ksoutdoors.com/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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