



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST KANSAS

Milford Lake: Smallmouth bass & wipers Midweek Plan

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

Storm chances in window — lightning plan

Zone CT

Primary: Smallmouth bass & wipers

Mon–Thu midweek

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

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS TOP / Milford corridor (pin Milford Lake; pulled Sun Sep 20, 2026 · ~8:45 PM CT). All clock references below are CT. **Monday:** ~74°F — Partly Sunny · precip ~9% · 5 mph N **Tuesday:** ~69°F — Partly Sunny · precip ~2% · 5 mph NE **Wednesday:** ~70°F — Mostly Sunny · precip ~1% · 5 mph E **Thursday:** ~70°F — Chance Showers And Thunderstorms · precip ~54% · 5 mph SE **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

~74°F

Partly Sunny · precip ~9% · 5 mph N

Local times CT

Fish weather edges; off water for lightning

TUESDAY

~69°F

Partly Sunny · precip ~2% · 5 mph NE

Local times CT

Fish weather edges; off water for lightning

WEDNESDAY

~70°F

Mostly Sunny · precip ~1% · 5 mph E

Local times CT

Fish weather edges; off water for lightning

THURSDAY

~70°F

Chance Showers And Thunderstorms · precip
~54% · 5 mph SE

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 Milford Lake USACE Kansas City District · KDWP / Milford 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.

Bj's 66 — 5410 Us Hwy 77 N, Junction City, KS · ~6.6 mi · 91 octane E0 · PHILLIPS 66 price not listed on Pure-Gas — verify at the pump 785-238-5966 [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

Short Stop #3 — 701 E Elm St, Wakefield, KS · ~6.8 mi · 91 octane E0 · SHORT STOP price not listed on Pure-Gas — verify at the pump 785-630-5560 [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

Casey's General Store — 329 Riley Ave, Ogden, KS · ~11.4 mi · 87 octane E0 · CASEY'S price not listed on Pure-Gas — verify at the pump 785-532-9122 [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

Walt'S Four Season Campground — 2500 Mink Rd, Enterprise, Kansas 67410, KS · ~16.6 mi · 91 octane E0 · PHILLIPS 66 price not listed on Pure-Gas — verify at the pump 785-598-2352 [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 Milford Lake. **Primary this week: Smallmouth bass & wipers.** Kansas's largest lake — smallmouth and white bass/wipers often share top billing with largemouth.

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