



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST · MAINE

Moosehead Lake: Greenville Rain Monday, Midweek Smallmouth on the Rocks

Moosehead Lake · Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · times in **ET** · primary:
Smallmouth bass

Fri ~65° → Sun ~58° (NWS CAR)

Fri–Sun window · ET

Heavy Traffic: none named Fri–Sun · expect weekend recreational pressure

Friday's light rain likely near 65°F give way to Saturday near 58°F (patchy fog then sunny) and Sunday near 58°F (patchy frost then mostly sunny) — fish the windows between weather, lean dawn on cover, and plan for weekend recreational pressure.

● WEEKEND OUTLOOK

NWS Caribou (CAR) grid CAR 29,103 pulled Fri Oct 2, 2026 · ~6:40 AM CT. Friday high near **65°F** (Light Rain Likely); overnight low near **41°F**. Saturday near **58°F** (Patchy Fog then Sunny); Sunday near **58°F** (Patchy Frost then Mostly Sunny). Numbers change — confirm before you launch.

FRIDAY OCT 2

65°F · Light Rain Likely · wind
6 mph NW

Storm chances — fish
protected banks and docks
between cells; sit out lightning.
Once cells clear, a short
evening window can fire along
riprap and shallow wood.
Watch wind shifts after fronts
(ET).

SATURDAY OCT 3

58°F · Patchy Fog then
Sunny · wind 5 to 8 mph NW
Post-front / clearer air — dawn
is money on riprap and shallow
wood; downsize by late
morning under bluebird
pressure. High near 58°F (ET).

SUNDAY OCT 4

58°F · Patchy Frost then
Mostly Sunny · wind 0 to 10
mph S

Softest recreational window
early — first light–10 AM ET on
docks and shade; midday near
58°F gets picky, so slow down
and fish cover.

How to fish this weather

For **smallmouth** (primary on Moosehead Lake this week): lead with rock, docks, and windward points once the breeze orients bait. Monday's wet NE pattern favors lee edges and stained inflow pockets; Wednesday's sun should reopen the mid-depth rock roam. Keep presentations compact — tubes, Ned rigs, small swimbaits, and jigs in craw and baitfish tones.

Rain gear Monday is not optional on the open. Midweek, hydrate on the sunny banks and watch recreational rebound after 11 AM ET.

● DAM & LEVEL CHEAT SHEET

THIN at pull Sun Sep 27, 2026 · ~11:20 PM ET. Use live stage / outlet notes from agency boards only. Failover: Maine DIFW Moosehead pages / town launch notices. Expect stained inflow plumes after Monday rain where creeks dump in.

ZONE	LEVEL / FLOW NOTE	BITE NOTE
Greenville / west arm	THIN at pull — no dated elev on board at pull ~11:20 PM ET Thu → Sun pull	Public banks near Greenville and Lily Bay State Park when posted open — dawn walking baits along riprap before the rain thickens.
Main basin / islands	THIN — verify live before you trailer	Island edges and windward rock once the breeze orients bait; keep a soft exit when whitecaps stack on the big water.
Lily Bay / east shore	THIN — Moosehead natural lake (no Corps pool board)	Lily Bay and east-shore coves for lee sessions Monday; midweek ride the sunny banks and docks for smallmouth.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shared: Cool wet Friday mornings need layers; fog can sit in the arms until mid-morning. Skip private camps and any posted swim or marina closures. **Lily Bay State Park** public banks and pier edges where posted open — fees and gates verify live — for dawn tubes and soft plastics on rock.

Greenville town / harbor walkways and west-arm day-use shore when open for afternoon shade banks once midweek sun returns. Big-water bluffs are no place to push in Friday's NE breeze.

KAYAK

Plan: Launch Greenville or Lily Bay public access and work protected west-arm / cove rock before the main basin stacks whitecaps. PFD on the whole float. Friday is a lee-only kayak day under widespread rain and NE wind — have a marked exit and a dry bag for the phone. Soft Tue–Wed rebound once seas lay down; give tour boats and skis room after mid-morning on the warm Sunday. Skip unmarked private docks and any stalling or restricted signs near outlets.

BOAT

Plan: Friday first light on protected rock and island lee edges, then scrub open-water hops once showers and NE chop build. Saturday chance showers early — short hops on points only. Sunday first light–10 AM ET rocky points and island edges for smallmouth; late morning ride windward structure once the light breeze orients bait. Greenville and Lily Bay ramps — thinner trailer traffic Friday, soft rebound midweek. Idle clear of swim lines, give paddle traffic room, and keep distance from unmarked shoals in stain after the rain.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (chrome / bone)
on calm Wednesday banks

Popper / small buzz on shade
docks midweek

Spinnerbait (white /
chartreuse) along windward
rock when breeze builds

MID

3–4" swimbait (smelt / perch)
on points

Small crank (craw / shad)
ticking rock

Jerkbait (sexy shad) on
clearer midweek edges

BOTTOM

Tube (green pumpkin /
smoke) on rock

Ned / shaky (green pumpkin)
when high pressure gets
picky

Football jig (brown / orange)
dragging points

Stain / clear match: After Monday rain lean darker craw / Junebug in inflow plumes; shift chrome / white / translucent on clearer main-lake rock by Wednesday.

● SMALLMOUTH LIFE STAGE

Early-fall smallmouth on Moosehead are sliding off shallow summer docks onto rock points, island edges, and windward banks. Monday's rain and NE wind keep fish tighter to lee structure and stained inflow plumes; by Wednesday's sun they should roam the mid-depth rock again. Match the hatch with craw and shad profiles — don't invent a thick baitfish blitz you haven't seen on the graph.

Forage menu this week: Most likely menu: crayfish on rock, young-of-year baitfish along points, and the usual perch snack. Hatch reports are thin this far north — fish what the graph and birds show, not a generic fall list.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

LARGEMOUTH · YELLOW PERCH

Largemouth: weed edges and dock shade
midweek — Texas-rig or swim jig. Yellow perch:
deeper weed lines and rock transitions — small
jigs / live bait where legal.

LANDLOCKED SALMON · LAKE TROUT

Specialist note only this window — not the
primary Cast story. Confirm seasons and
methods with Maine DIFW before you shift gears.

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● HEAVY TRAFFIC

No named national trail event pulled for Moosehead Lake Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4 (calendars skimmed). Friday weather thins recreational traffic; soft rebound Tuesday–Wednesday once the sun returns. Still watch ramp stacks after mid-morning on the warm Wednesday.

On Moosehead Lake, treat Monday as a gear-check and lee-shore day, then build confidence as Tuesday's rain chance fades. Wednesday's warmer sun is the confidence bite for bank, kayak, and boat alike — arrive early, fish the shade rotation, and leave before the afternoon recreational stack if the ramp looks busy. Keep a short list of backup coves so you are never stuck on a blown-out point when the NE leftover chop surprises you. If clarity drops after the rain, slow down, downsize, and stay in contact with the bottom on rock transitions rather than burning shoreline with power moves that need clear water.

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When the graph shows bait pinned to a windward point midweek, match size before color — a 3-inch swimbait or compact tube often outfishes a big fall profile until the fish show themselves. On bank days, rotate shade docks and riprap seams instead of camping one corner; on kayak days, fish a triangle of two coves and one secondary point so you always have a lee option. Boat anglers should leave a margin before the afternoon ski lanes wake up on the sunny Wednesday, especially near state-park swim areas.

Under bluebird midweek skies, commit to a short bait list before you leave the ramp: one walking or popping topwater for the calm dawn, one compact bottom bait for midday shade and rock, and one reaction bait for any breeze that orients bait on points. Changing every ten casts under high pressure usually costs more fish than it finds on these Maine waters.

● **LOOKING AHEAD**

Quieter mostly sunny into early next week with cool mornings — classic early-October smallmouth windows on the rocks if the wind stays honest.

● PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · THIS WATER

Pure-Gas.org listings near this corridor for this Cast window (no prices — verify grade at the pump). Listings can change. Maine's E0 map is sparse — closest useful road stations toward Greenville / Farmington / Portland corridors.

Big Apple — 809 Roosevelt Trail, Windham, ME · Portland / Windham · 90 octane E0

Big Apple Store — 102 Main St, South Paris, ME · western foothills · 90 octane E0

Big Apple — 254 Wilton Rd, Farmington, ME · Farmington / Rangeley approach · 90 octane E0

Sources: NWS api.weather.gov CAR/29,103 forecast · METAR KPWM (southern ME baro reference) · Moosehead natural lake (no Corps pool board) (failover: Maine DIFW Moosehead pages / town launch notices) · sunrise corridor ET · public E0 directories (Pure-Gas.org-aligned; listed; no prices) · trail calendars skimmed (no named event Fri–Sun Oct 2–4). Pulled Fri Oct 2, 2026 · ~6:40 AM CT. Numbers change — confirm conditions and the forecast before you launch.

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