



MISSISSIPPI · MONDAY **CAST** · MON SEP 28 – WED SEP 30

Bill Waller · Geiger Lake

Largemouth primary · South MS · CT

South Mississippi heat still owns Bill Waller and Geiger, so lily pads, shoreline shade, and quiet park water beat any deep-water story. Pack sunscreen and bug spray, keep a frog handy, and fish first light on the pad edges before the glare locks in.

● WEEKEND OUTLOOK

NWS Jackson (JAN) corridor for the south Mississippi band, forecast pulled Fri morning Oct 2 CT off the locked weather-band pin. Friday already carries storm chances; Saturday–Sunday look wetter still. Plan storm-edge fishing, not a bluebird grind.

Match daily cards below to the water in front of you — storm edges in the Mississippi bands, cool rock bites up north, and fair dry air across most of Missouri after Friday.

Friday Oct 2

92° Partly Sunny then Chance Showers And Thunderstorms · wind 0 to 5 mph E · rain chance ~51% · overnight ~70° Chance Showers And Thunderstorms then Patchy Fog (night rain ~36%).

Hot with a real chance of storms. Work cover early; be ready to leave for lightning. Patchy fog possible overnight.

Saturday Oct 3

86° Slight Chance Showers And Thunderstorms then Chance Showers And Thunderstorms · wind 0 to 5 mph E · rain chance ~72% · overnight ~69° Showers And Thunderstorms Likely (night rain ~72%).

High storm chances day and night. Short windows around cells; soft plastics in protected cover beat open-water runs.

Sunday Oct 4

80° Showers And Thunderstorms · wind 0 to 5 mph NE · rain chance ~91% · overnight ~67°
Chance Showers And Thunderstorms (night rain ~54%).

Storms likely. Fish the edges of the system and bank-friendly water if the main lake is locked under cells.

● **LEVEL & FLOW CHEAT SHEET**

MDWFP / state-park lakes — no generator board. Verify again MDWFP and Paul B. Johnson State Park notices for Geiger access. Soft bite note: stable levels keep fish in pads and shade; after rain, fish cleaner pad holes and windblown banks.

Failover before you launch: MDWFP Bill Waller notes and Paul B. Johnson State Park access updates.

● **HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT**

Bank

MDWFP access at Lake Bill Waller and park shores at Geiger Lake inside Paul B. Johnson State Park give pad edges, piers, and shaded bank water. Work dawn with a frog or buzzbait along pad edges and park seawalls. Midday, fish pier shade and the darkest park docks you can reach. Watch for park foot traffic and swimming areas, and keep casts clear of marked swim beaches when they are busy.

Kayak

Kayaks reach pad holes and cypress shade that bigger boats skim past on both lakes. Sit in openings inside the pads, skip plastics under park shade, and stake out in calm heat. Wear a PFD whenever you leave the ramp. On Geiger, yield to park paddlers and rental traffic; the fish are in the thick edges, not in the middle of the swimming lane.

Boat

Small boats cover Bill Waller and Geiger with short runs between park and MDWFP ramps. Idle into pad fields, fish openings and points, and commit to shade by late morning under park docks and thicker pads. Keep speeds down inside the state park, life jackets on for any run between lakes, and if one pad field is stacked with park traffic, slide to the next quiet opening with the same cover look.

● **LURE BOX**

Top

Hollow-body frog in pads; buzzbait on open edges at dawn; popper around park shade.

Mid

Weightless worm in pad lanes; light spinnerbait; soft swimbait in openings.

Bottom

Texas creature in pad holes; light jig under park docks; flipping stick for thick cover.

● BASS LIFE STAGE

South MS late-summer largemouth — pads and shade under heat.

What's on the menu

Bluegill in pads, limited shad in open pockets. Match green pumpkin and black/blue; trust what you mark on topwater boils and birds.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

Bream for park anglers; crappie on any brush; catfish after dark.

Heavy Traffic: State-park recreation rises after mid-morning. Dawn quieter. No tournament claim this window.

Looking ahead: Cooler October nights should pull fish to slightly deeper pad edges. Until then, thick shade.

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● **PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · THIS WATER**

Ethanol-free stations near this water (reused listing; stations only — no prices). Confirm hours and pump labels on site.

- Murphy 7804 — 955 Us Hwy 98 Bypass, Columbia, MS · ~6.6 mi · 90 octane E0
- Jack Morris Oil — 1016 Jack Morris Dr, Columbia, MS · ~6.6 mi · 87/89/93 octane E0

Sources: NWS Jackson forecast · MDWFP / PBJ State Park · Pure-Gas.org (reused).

