



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

Pearl River Corridor (Jackson)

Largemouth primary · Pearl River below Ross Barnett · CT

The Pearl below Ross Barnett runs under Jackson heat this midweek, so eddy lines, wood, and shaded banks matter more than any reservoir fantasy. Pack sunscreen, watch the stage, and fish first light on the softest current seams you can find.

● 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**

Pearl River at Jackson is tracked by USGS gage 02486000 below Ross Barnett. Stage and flow change with reservoir outflow and local runoff — pull the USGS page before you launch and respect any urban flood notices. Soft bite note: moderate stage favors wood, eddies, and shaded banks; high muddy water pushes fish tighter to the cleanest slow seams; skinny low water concentrates fish in deeper bends.

Failover before you launch: USGS 02486000 and NWS Jackson river forecasts.

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

Bank

Public urban and park access along the Pearl River corridor below Ross Barnett — including park banks near Jackson — offers wooded edges, riprap, and eddy water without a boat. Work dawn along shade and soft current seams with a soft plastic or spinnerbait. Midday, fish the darkest wood and bridge shade you can reach safely. Respect private property, stay behind any dam or spillway safety zones, and treat swift water after a rise as a no-go for kids and casual wading.

Kayak

Kayaks fit the Pearl's wooded seams when stage is friendly. Wear a PFD, scout strainers before you commit to a bend, and fish eddies behind wood rather than sitting in the main push. Skip skinny water that leaves you walking a loaded boat, and pull out early if the USGS stage is climbing into urban flood range. A short stake-out or quiet eddy hold beats fighting current all afternoon in the heat.

Boat

Small jon boats and shallow drafts fit this corridor better than big bass boats in many stretches. Idle into eddies, fish wood and riprap, and watch for debris after any rise from Ross Barnett outflow or local runoff. Keep life jackets on in moving water, give bridge and park traffic room, and verify again USGS 02486000 before you trailer so you are not launching into a rising muddy flush.

● **LURE BOX**

Top

Buzzbait on calm eddy edges at dawn; popper along shade when bait dims.

Mid

Squarebill on riprap; stick worm along wood; spinnerbait across soft current seams.

Bottom

Texas craw in wood; jig on deeper outside bends; shaky head in slower holes.

● BASS LIFE STAGE

River largemouth in early October still key on current breaks and shade under heat.

What's on the menu

Shad when flow carries bait, bluegill in eddies, crawfish on riprap. Match the bait you mark in seams.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

Crappie in slower wooded holes; catfish on outside bends after dark; gar in warm shallows.

Heavy Traffic: Urban corridor traffic and recreation both show up midday near popular parks. Dawn quieter. No tournament claim this window.

Looking ahead: Cooler nights should tighten fish into deeper eddies. Until then, shade and soft current.

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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.

- Waring Oil — 630 Us Hwy 80 E, Flowood, MS · ~0.5 mi · TEXACO · 87 octane E0
- Jackson Ice Co — 607 S Jefferson St, Jackson, MS · ~0.8 mi · UNBRANDED · 87 / 89 / 93 E0
- Circle K #2723738 — 1264 High St, Jackson, MS · ~1.6 mi · CIRCLE K · 87 octane E0
- Raju Food Mart — 2890 Us Hwy 80 E, Pearl, MS · ~3.2 mi · UNBRANDED · 87 octane E0

Sources: NWS Jackson forecast · USGS 02486000 · Pure-Gas.org (reused) · MDWFP access notes.

