FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Clark Canyon area

Clark Canyon

Montana

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Mountain Time · Trout

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 14°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 7–14 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~95%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **36–50°F**, lows **19–33°F**, rain chance up to **~95%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

50° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	S 14 mph
RAIN	~20%
SUN	7:30 AM / 5:01 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

TUESDAY NOV 17

42° F high

LOW	19°F
SKY	Rain And Snow
WIND	ENE 7 mph
RAIN	~95%
SUN	7:31 AM / 5:00 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

36° F high

LOW	21°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSW 7–13 mph
RAIN	~33%
SUN	7:32 AM / 4:59 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: S → ENE → SSW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:30 AM MST) → ~9 AM**
- Use any ripple as cover

MIDDAY
- Shade lines, docks, deeper edges
- Electronics for bait height first
- Slow down once the sun is overhead

EVENING
- Revisit shallow shade as sun drops
- Topwater if the surface lays down
- Weekday traffic is lighter — work quiet pockets

FALL TRANSITION **Trout plan: Target inflows and shoreline drop-offs as water cools; spoons, spinners and streamers, moderate.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Trout are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~48°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending rising

NATURAL FORAGE

Small natural profiles and flash in moderation fit clear sunny water.

ALSO BITING

Low-light rock and deeper breaks. Yellow perch.

PRESSURE

Weekday traffic — lighter than the weekend. Fish early, give ramps and swim areas room.

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 — check the operator page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Clark Canyon Dam & Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 5,520.45 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 25 cfs (Mon 2:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Park once and fish Clark Canyon Reservoir recreation-area shoreline and legal dam-face banks outside markers first. Lead with a moving bait for rainbow trout, then pause longer after 9 a.m. Cold MT air at Clark Canyon Reservoir punishes cotton gloves.

KAYAK

Keep Recreation-area protected arms as the hinge of the morning. Two stops for rainbow trout beat twelve empty coves. On Clark Canyon Reservoir, hydrate and layer.

BOAT

Begin at Recreation-area ramps and main-lake points toward the dam. Screenshot boards so Clark Canyon Reservoir is not a wasted trailer morning. Keep expectations real for rainbow trout.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small spoons at dawn. Inline spinners near the dam. Dry flies on calm mornings.

MID

Nymphs and soft hackles. Small jigs under a float. Light spoons mid-depth.

BOTTOM

Heavier spoons under high sun. Egg patterns near inflow. Slow retrieves on the bottom.