FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Martinsdale area

Martinsdale

Montana

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

2/10 — Poor odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 17°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 29 mph · unsafe chop	− Rain up to ~95%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **38–55°F**, lows **20–35°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

55° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	SW 5–9 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	7:24 AM / 4:47 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

47° F high

LOW	29°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy then Light Rain
WIND	E 3–9 mph
RAIN	~95%
SUN	7:25 AM / 4:46 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

38° F high

LOW	20°F
SKY	Slight Chance Light Snow then Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 10–29 mph
RAIN	~24%
SUN	7:26 AM / 4:45 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SW → E → W · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:24 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 ~49°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 the operator 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
Martinsdale, North Dam	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18	the operator

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish Martinsdale Reservoir public shoreline near the recreation site like a named waypoint, not a rumor. Rainbow trout still feed, but the best stretch is compressed. On Martinsdale Reservoir, treat this as a starting map.

KAYAK

Kayak route begins at Martinsdale protected recreation water. Short accurate casts beat snag recoveries for rainbow trout. If wakes roll the bank, tuck deeper at Martinsdale Reservoir.

BOAT

Start the motor day at Martinsdale public ramp and main-lake points. Two quality stops for rainbow trout beat a long empty loop. MT whitecaps end debates at Martinsdale Reservoir.

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.