



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Lahontan Reservoir: Cooler Mornings, ~80k AF Pool & White Bass Schools

Carson River · Fallon / Silver Springs corridor · Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · times PT

Highs ~72° Mon → ~77° Tue → ~80° Wed (NWS REV)

USGS storage ~79,650 AF (Sep 27 ~3:30 PM PT)

Primary: white bass · soft recreational pressure

Mon shower chance early, then drying

October heat still owns Lahontan — cool dawn windows, patchy Friday smoke possible, then sunny warm Saturday–Sunday air that pushes white bass deeper once the sun climbs.

● MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS Reno (REV) grid for the Lahontan Reservoir corridor keeps western Nevada in a **warm, quiet early-October pattern** for this Friday **Cast** window (Fri–Sun). **Friday** opens with patchy smoke possible and a high near **86°F** / low near **56°F**, light southwest breeze SW 0 to 5 mph. **Saturday** turns sunny and warm (~**87°F** / ~**57°F**) with a light east breeze E 0 to 5 mph. **Sunday** stays mostly sunny and hot (~**88°F** / ~**58°F**) with a light south breeze S 0 to 5 mph. Storm chances stay **near zero**. No active NWS Nevada watches or warnings for the Lahontan corridor at this Friday morning pull. Reader clocks below are **PT** (water-local).

For white bass (primary this week): lean **first light through mid-morning** on the dam face, river-inlet transitions, and windward points before the afternoon heat stacks. Warm Saturday–Sunday highs push fish deeper or under shade by late morning — get on the water early. Weekend recreational pressure matters — **no named B.A.S.S. / FLW / ABA trail event pulled** for Lahontan on Oct 2–4, but Friday–Sunday traffic usually runs heavier than midweek here.

FRIDAY OCT 2

~86°F

Low ~56° · ~0% storms · SW 0 to 5 mph

Patchy Smoke — warm day; fish early before the heat

Sunrise **6:55 AM** · Sunset **6:35 PM** PT

Best bite: first light—~9:30 AM on inlet seams and dam-area structure

SATURDAY OCT 3

~87°F

Low ~57° · ~0% storms · E 0 to 5 mph

Sunny and warm — mid-day slide to deeper breaks

Sunrise **6:56 AM** · Sunset **6:33 PM** PT

Best bite: dawn shallow; protect midday with deeper points and shade lines

SUNDAY OCT 4

~88°F

Low ~58° · ~0% storms · S 0 to 5 mph

Mostly Sunny — another hot, calm fall day

Sunrise **6:57 AM** · Sunset **6:32 PM** PT

Best bite: first light again; expect more weekend boat traffic near the dam and popular ramps

WINDOW NOTE

Fri–Sun only

Next Cast cycle covers Mon onward

Monday trend: watch REV for smoke, wind, or any cool-down

No storm train in the extended outlook for this corridor

Clarity unconfirmed; expect clearer water after calm nights

● **DAM / LEVEL CHEAT SHEET**

Lahontan Reservoir storage from **USGS 10312100 Lahontan Res near Fallon, NV**: provisional reservoir storage **~79,650 acre-feet** at **Sep 27, 2026 ~3:30 PM PT**. A separate USGS elevation series for this site last updated years ago on the public feed — treat storage (not that stale elev) as the live signal. Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID) posts Lahontan storage worksheets and dam notices on tcid.org; confirm TCID delivery schedules and recreation advisories before you go. Schedules **can change without notice**. Failover: USGS NWIS 10312100, TCID Lahontan Storage page, and on-site ramp signage at Silver Springs / Churchill Beach corridors. Soft storage → bite notes only.

NODE	PULL SNAPSHOT	OPS SIGNAL	BITE CONTEXT
Lahontan Reservoir USGS 10312100	Storage ~79,650 AF Sep 27 ~3:30 PM PT	Live elev series stale on public feed <i>Confirm USGS / TCID before midday plan</i>	Mid-range fall pool — fish points and brush that still hold water; watch ramp exposure
Lahontan Dam / Carson outlet TCID	Delivery schedule not scraped live	Failover: TCID water-delivery / dam pages	Current seams below the dam can hold fish — stay outside restricted markers
Carson River inlet arms color changes / points	Primary school water this week	Wind thin Tue–Wed — boat positioning easy	Friday shower edge + Tue/Wed calm = look for bait balls on points at dawn

Honest thin board: Storage is solid; hourly release blocks were not on this pull. Confirm the latest USGS storage and TCID notices before you go. Dam restricted zones are off-limits.

MAIN LAKE FRI–SUN

Friday soft skies: shallow points and river-mouth color lines at first light

Tue–Wed calm sun: beat the heat, then follow schools deeper

~80k AF pool keeps many classic brush edges fishable — confirm your ramp

SAFETY

Desert wind can still spike — watch afternoon dust even on “calm” forecasts

Submerged brush and unmarked rock are the local tax

Never fish inside dam restricted water

● HOW TO FISH IT

BANK

Churchill Beach / Silver Springs public shoreline, legal dam-corridor rock outside restricted markers, and accessible point tips near the Carson inlet are the weekday bank plays. Dawn walk-and-cast with a small white jig or spoon along color changes is the Friday plan while shower chances linger. Midday Sunday heat pushes you toward shaded brush and deeper drops you can still reach from shore. Watch for slick mud after Friday rain and give boat traffic room at the ramps.

KAYAK

Lahontan's protected arms and point-hopping layout suit a kayak on these calm Saturday–Sunday mornings. Launch from established public ramps, work 6–14 ft brush edges at first light for white bass, then slide along the next point once schools move. Friday's early shower chance is fine in a kayak if lightning stays away — duck to shore when it doesn't. PFD on; desert reservoirs punish open-water mistakes when a dust devil shows up.

BOAT

Idle out at first light, graph points and river-mouth transitions for bait, and stay mobile. Saturday and Sunday calm air makes boat control easy — don't waste it sleeping in. When white bass mark deep, drop small jigs and spoons before you burn fuel on long empty runs. Watch for submerged brush and unmarked rock; idle in no-wake zones near beaches.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Small walking bait / popper — bone or chrome when schools push bait up at dawn

#5 floating Rapala — silver/black along calm point tips Saturday morning

Skip topwater once the sun is high and fish slide deep

MID

1/8–1/4 oz white jig / curly tail — the Lahontan white-bass staple on schools

Small spoon — silver or gold once fish mark mid-column

Spinnerbait — white/chartreuse along brush edges for bass mix

BOTTOM

Drop-shot / finesse worm — clearer brush pockets after calm nights

Channel-cat cut bait / nightcrawler — ledges and river channel when white bass shut off midday

Ned / small tube — secondary smallmouth/largemouth on rock

● WHITE BASS LIFE STAGE

Early October on Lahontan is classic **schooling white bass** season. Fish push bait on points and river-mouth color lines at first light, then slide deeper as the sun climbs — especially on calm, warming Saturday–Sunday afternoons. Friday's early shower chance can keep the shallow window open longer under softer light. This is a fall forage chase. Secondary channel cats and largemouth share the same brush and ledge real estate with slower presentations once the white bass move off. Early October heat still favors a compressed dawn window: get on inlet seams and the dam face before surface temps climb, then slide to deeper breaks and shade lines once the sun clears the hills. If Friday's patchy smoke softens the light, that mid-morning bite can stretch a little longer than a hard-bluebird Saturday or Sunday.

● NATURAL FORAGE

Most-likely menu this week: **threadfin / young shad** still roaming open water, **shiners and small carp fry** in warm backwaters, and **crayfish** on rock and brush. Hatch reports are thin for this desert reservoir. Match what you mark on electronics: if a school is pinned on a point at 12 ft, start with a white jig before you grind empty bank. After Friday's possible showers, expect slightly stained water near inlets and lean brighter profiles.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- **Channel catfish** — river channel and deeper ledges with cut bait, especially warm Sunday afternoons
- **Largemouth bass** — brush edges and flooded timber with spinnerbaits and soft plastics at dawn
- **Wipers / hybrid stripers** — secondary on open-water bait balls with spoons and small swimbaits

● HEAVY TRAFFIC

Soft recreational pressure for Fri–Sun. **No named national or regional trail event** was pulled for Lahontan Reservoir on Oct 2–4 at this gather. Expect light weekday traffic out of Fallon / Silver Springs, with a bump if Saturday–Sunday sun draws locals after work. Ramp etiquette still matters — idle near beaches and give bank anglers room.

● ETHANOL-FREE FUEL · PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · THIS WATER

Closest Pure-Gas.org ethanol-free listings near Lahontan (stations only — verify grade at the pump; listings can change):

- **Maverik #416** — 850 W Williams Ave, Fallon, NV (~14.8 mi) · E0 Maverik 87 listed
- **Maverik #412** — 245 River Boat Rd, Dayton, NV (~27.4 mi) · E0 Maverik 87 listed
- **Maverik #440** — 402 W Goldfield Ave, Yerington, NV (~32.7 mi) · E0 Maverik 87 listed

No pump prices in this **Cast**. Confirm ethanol-free grade at the pump if that matters for your motor.

If Friday's early showers leave a stain on the Carson inlet, start brighter and louder for thirty minutes, then dial back to natural shad once clarity returns in the arms. On the calm Saturday–Sunday afternoons, a slow troll or controlled drift along the first clean break outside a point often relocates a school that left the bank at 9 AM — stay mobile, but do not burn the whole lake chasing one mark.

● LOOKING AHEAD

Next week's pattern is still taking shape on the REV grid — treat smoke, light wind, and any early-October cool snap as the variables to confirm before you trailer. Soft recreational pressure usually eases after the Sunday crowd clears; early mornings stay the honest play while afternoon highs linger in the mid-80s.

● SOURCES

- NWS Reno (REV) gridpoint forecast for Lahontan / Fernley — pulled Fri Oct 2 morning CT
- USGS 10312100 Lahontan Res near Fallon — storage ~79,650 AF (Sep 27, 2026 ~3:30 PM PT)
- TCID Lahontan Dam / storage pages — failover for delivery and recreation notices
- Pure-Gas.org ethanol-free station listings near Fallon / Dayton / Yerington

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