



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Lake Mead (NV): Storm Odds Mon–Tue, ~1,038 ft Pool & Dawn Stripers

Callville Bay · Boulder Basin / Northshore · Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · times PT

Mon–Tue thunderstorms likely (NWS VEF)

Highs ~82° Mon → ~82° Tue → ~88° Wed (NWS VEF)

Mead ~1,037.88 ft MSL (Sat Sep 26 board)

Primary: striped bass · soft recreational pressure

Early October on Lake Mead (NV) — cool dawn windows, quiet weather, and a Fri–Sun bite that rewards first light before weekend traffic builds.

● MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS band pull (south / Mohave representative) — applied to Lake Mead (NV) keeps a **quiet early-October pattern** for this Friday **Cast** window (Fri–Sun) at Lake Mead (NV). **Friday ~101°F / ~75°F**, sunny, wind ENE 0 to 7 mph. **Saturday ~101°F / ~77°F**, sunny, wind E 1 to 8 mph. **Sunday ~104°F / ~79°F**, sunny, wind ENE 0 to 6 mph. Storm chances stay **near zero** across the window. Reader clocks below are **PT** (water-local).

For striped bass: lean **first light through mid-morning** on windward points, creek arms, and ramp-adjacent structure before afternoon warmth or breeze rearranges the bite. Weekend recreational pressure usually runs heavier than midweek — **no named B.A.S.S. / FLW / ABA trail event pulled** for this water on Oct 2–4.

FRIDAY OCT 2

~101°F

Low ~75° · ~0% storms · ENE 0 to 7 mph

Sunny — fish the cool dawn window first

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

Best bite: first light–mid-morning on points and creek mouths

SATURDAY OCT 3

~101°F

Low ~77° · ~0% storms · E 1 to 8 mph

Sunny; use any breeze for windward presentations

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

Best bite: dawn shallow; mid-day slide deeper if the sun climbs hard

SUNDAY OCT 4

~104°F

Low ~79° · ~0% storms · ENE 0 to 6 mph

Sunny — another clean fall day; expect more weekend traffic

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

Best bite: first light again before the Sunday crowd piles on

WINDOW NOTE

Fri–Sun only

Next Cast cycle covers Mon onward

Monday trend: watch the local NWS grid for cool-down or wind shift

No storm train flagged for this corridor at pull

Clarity unconfirmed; protected arms often fish clearer after calm nights

● DAM / LEVEL CHEAT SHEET

Lake Mead (NV shore) elevation from the Lower Colorado daily board mirrored at water-data.com (USBR LC source): **~1,037.88 ft MSL** as of **Sat Sep 26, 2026**, with content near **6.83 million acre-feet**. The pool continues a slow late-September drift down (~0.8 ft over two weeks on that board). Sunday overnight numbers were not yet on the public mirror at this pull — treat Sat's board as the last confirmed snapshot and confirm USBR / NPS before you trailer. This Cast is **NV shoreline only** (Callville Bay hub); the AZ shore belongs to the AZ peer product. Schedules **can change without notice**.

NODE	PULL SNAPSHOT	OPS SIGNAL	BITE CONTEXT
Lake Mead pool USBR LC / water-data.com	Elev ~1,037.88 ft MSL Sat Sep 26 board	Slow late-Sep drift · ~6.83M AF content <i>confirm USBR / NPS before launch</i>	Low-pool points and coves still fish — idle for unmarked rock; Callville ramp status is the gate
Callville Bay launch NPS Lake Mead NRA	Public NV-shore hub for this pin	Confirm ramp open / fees on NPS pages	Dawn idle out of Callville toward Boulder Basin points and bait lines
Storm pulse Mon–Tue NWS VEF	Likely storms both days	Lightning = get off the water	Fish cell edges and the first clean light; Sunday sunny is the reset

Honest thin board: Sat Sep 26 elev is solid; Sunday's overnight board was not on the public mirror yet. Confirm live USBR / NPS Callville notes before you go. AZ shore tactics stay on the AZ peer Cast.

MAIN LAKE FRI–SUN

Mon–Tue storm lulls: protected NV coves and Callville-adjacent points at first light

Sunday sunny warm-up: beat the heat, then follow striper schools and bait

~1,038 ft pool — watch ramp exposure and unmarked rock in the drawdown zone

SAFETY

Lightning Friday–Saturday is the hard stop — leave the water early

Desert heat returns Sunday; hydrate and watch afternoon wind

Stay on the NV shore for this Cast; respect NPS restricted zones

● HOW TO FISH IT

BANK

Callville Bay public shoreline and legal park edges on the Nevada side are the weekday bank plays — fish rocky points and cove mouths at first light while Friday–Saturday storm light keeps skies softer. Midday Sunday heat pushes you toward shaded rock and deeper drops you can still reach from shore. Skip private docks and the Arizona shore for this product's pin, give trailer traffic room at the Callville apron, and watch slick algae on riprap. An early weekday start still fishes cleaner than a busy fair afternoon on the basin.

KAYAK

Protected Boulder Basin coves near Callville suit a kayak on Sunday's calmer sunny morning more than a Friday thunder day. Launch from the established public ramp, work 8–20 ft rock edges for stripers and largemouth at first light, and duck to shore the moment thunder starts. Wear a PFD; open Mead water punishes open-water mistakes when a cell builds. Stay on the Nevada side for this Cast, keep wake down near bank anglers, and hop the next cove if another craft parks on your starting stretch.

BOAT

Idle out of Callville at first light, graph points and bait lines, and stay mobile. Friday–Saturday: fish the edges of cells and any lee cove that stays castable. Sunday: classic sunny Mead — start shallow on bait, then follow schools deeper. Soft recreational pressure midweek; still watch for unmarked rock in the drawdown zone. Arizona-shore launches are out of scope for this Cast. Keep a second rod already rigged so a school on the graph does not wait while you retie.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Pencil popper / walking bait — bone or chrome when birds work at dawn

Topwater only in the lulls Friday–Saturday — skip it under hard rain

Buzzbait rare — save for calm Sunday cove edges

MID

Soft swimbait / A-rig mid-column on striper schools

Spoon — chrome or white once fish mark mid-depth

Spinnerbait white/chartreuse along stained cove rock after storms

BOTTOM

Drop-shot / finesse for tough post-storm windows

Vertical jigging spoon when stripers mark deep

Craw / creature on rock for secondary largemouth

● STRIPED BASS LIFE STAGE

Early October on Mead's NV shore is a forage-chase striper week under a storm-then-sun pattern. Schools push bait on points and open-water lines at first light, then slide deeper as the sun climbs — especially on calm, warming Sunday. Friday–Saturday storm light can keep a shallow window open longer under softer skies. Secondary largemouth and smallmouth share the same rock and cove real estate with slower presentations once the stripers move off.

● NATURAL FORAGE

Most-likely menu this week: threadfin / shad schools still roaming Boulder Basin, with sunfish and crawfish on rock. Hatch reports are thin for this desert reservoir. Match what you mark on electronics and what birds show you — if a school is pinned on a point, start with a swimbait or spoon before you grind empty bank. After Friday–Saturday storms, expect slightly stained water in cove mouths and lean brighter profiles for a cast or two.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

Largemouth / smallmouth — same NV rock and cove edges; spinnerbait and creature baits cover both. **Channel catfish** — cut bait on deeper ledges when the striper bite slides midday.

Confirm NPS / Nevada regs before you keep fish. AZ-shore callouts belong to the AZ peer Cast.

● HEAVY TRAFFIC

Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4: no named B.A.S.S., MLF, or major Lake Mead trail event pulled for the NV shore this midweek window. Expect soft recreational at Callville — Friday–Saturday storms thin that further; Sunday's fair warmth brings a mild rebound. Boat counts are not posted — treat pressure as soft weekday recreational unless a named event is on the calendar.

Pressure note: fish early, give trailer traffic room at the public ramp, and stay civil around bank anglers. Soft midweek recreational is the default when no named event is on the board.

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

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

Smiths — 835 E Lake Mead Pkwy, Henderson, Nv 89015, NV (~15.6 mi) · GPS Located from address.

Rebel — 3540 E Lake Mead Blvd., North Las Vegas, NV (~22.0 mi) · ethanol-free REBEL 100

Rebel Shell — 6510 S Pecos Rd., Las Vegas, NV (~22.1 mi) · ethanol-free UNBRANDED 100

Rebel Fuel — 3651 W Sahara Ave, Las Vegas, NV (~26.7 mi) · ethanol-free REBEL 100

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

● LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday trends sunny and hotter near 90°F under light air — a soft extension of Sunday's fair pattern if you can squeeze a midweek encore. Next 1–3 weeks: watch NWS Las Vegas for the next monsoon-style pulse and keep pulling USBR Mead elevation before every trailer run. Soft recreational midweek; weekend Callville traffic will rebound.

Regs: NPS Lake Mead NRA rules + Nevada fishing credentials on NV water. Reciprocal AZ rules apply only if you cross — this Cast stays Callville / NV pin.

● ON THE WATER THIS WINDOW

Idle a known edge at a slow pace before the first cast and mark bait height on the graph. If bait is up in the top few feet at dawn, start with a faster search bait; if the cloud is down on the break, go mid-column or bottom first. Re-scan after lunch — the same edge often looks empty on the graph once the sun is overhead even when fish are still there in the shade of cover or rock.

Any storm chance midweek is the pattern breaker: if cells fire, fish the edges carefully and get off the water for lightning. A stained inlet the morning after rain can outproduce a clear main-lake flat for a day or two. Keep the live Nevada regs page bookmarked — slot and length rules do not care how long your drive was.

● SOURCES

NWS Las Vegas (VEF) point forecast (Sunday night PT pull) · USBR Lower Colorado daily elev (via water-data.com Sat Sep 26 board) · NPS Callville Bay launch notes · NDOW / Nevada regs (live) · Pure-Gas.org ethanol-free station listings · Trail calendars skimmed for named events (none confirmed for this window). Schedules change — confirm before launch.

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