



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Rye Patch Reservoir: Patchy Smoke Friday, ~4,095 ft Pool & Wiper Schools

Humboldt River · Pershing County SRA · Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · times PT

Highs ~72° Mon → ~76° Tue → ~79° Wed (NWS REV)

USGS elev ~4,095.24 ft (Sep 27 ~10 PM PT)

Primary: wiper / white bass · soft recreational pressure

Early October on Rye Patch Reservoir — cool dawn windows, quiet weather, and a Fri–Sun bite that rewards first light before weekend traffic builds.

● MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS band pull (north / South Fork representative) — applied to Rye Patch Reservoir keeps a **quiet early-October pattern** for this Friday **Cast** window (Fri–Sun) at Rye Patch Reservoir.

Friday ~88°F / ~46°F, mostly sunny, wind SSW 0 to 5 mph. **Saturday** ~86°F / ~45°F, partly sunny, wind 0 mph. **Sunday** ~90°F / ~49°F, sunny, wind SSE 0 to 10 mph. Storm chances stay **near zero** across the window. Reader clocks below are **PT** (water-local).

For wiper: 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

~88°F

Low ~46° · ~0% storms · SSW 0 to 5 mph

Mostly 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

~86°F

Low ~45° · ~0% storms · 0 mph

Partly 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

~90°F

Low ~49° · ~0% storms · SSE 0 to 10 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**

Rye Patch Reservoir elevation from **USGS 10334500 Rye Patch Res near Rye Patch, NV**: provisional water-surface elevation **~4,095.24 ft** at **Sep 27, 2026 ~10:00 PM PT**. Hourly release blocks were not on this pull — treat elevation trend and on-site ramp signage as the live story. Failover: USGS NWIS 10334500, Nevada State Parks / SRA notices, and BOR Rye Patch fact sheets. Soft elev → bite notes only. Schedules **can change without notice**.

NODE	PULL SNAPSHOT	OPS SIGNAL	BITE CONTEXT
Rye Patch Reservoir USGS 10334500	Elev ~4,095.24 ft Sep 27 ~10:00 PM PT	Provisional elev live <i>Confirm USGS / SRA before midday plan</i>	Fish points and river-channel transitions that still hold water; watch ramp exposure
Humboldt inlet / main pool color changes / points	Primary school water this week	Wind thin Tue–Wed — boat positioning easy	Dawn bait balls on points; midday slide to deeper breaks
Dam / outlet corridor restricted zones	Release schedule not scraped live	Failover: agency / park pages	Current seams can hold fish — stay outside restricted markers

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

MAIN LAKE FRI–SUN

- Friday soft skies / patchy smoke: shallow points at first light
- Tue–Wed calm sun: beat the heat, then follow schools deeper
- ~4,095 ft elev — confirm your ramp before you trailer

SAFETY

- Desert wind can still spike — watch afternoon dust
- Submerged brush and unmarked rock are the local tax
- Never fish inside dam restricted water

● HOW TO FISH IT

BANK

Rye Patch SRA public shoreline and accessible point tips near the Humboldt 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 patchy smoke softens the light. Midday Sunday heat pushes you toward shaded brush and deeper drops you can still reach from shore. Watch for slick mud after any desert shower, give trailer traffic room at the SRA ramps, and keep a life jacket handy on wet rock. If another angler already owns the best seam, take the next legal pocket instead of stacking up.

KAYAK

Rye Patch's protected arms and point-hopping layout suit a kayak on these calm Saturday–Sunday mornings. Launch from established SRA public ramps, work 6–14 ft edges at first light for wipers, then hop the next point once schools move rather than committing to a long open-water crossing. Wear a PFD, stay visible to trailered boats in the ramp lane, and reef into a cove if a dust devil or whitecaps stack. A kayak shines here for quiet presence along brushy banks when the main pool chops — keep runs inside a distance you can reverse quickly.

BOAT

Idle out of the SRA at first light, graph points and river-channel transitions for bait, and stay mobile. Saturday and Sunday calm air makes boat control easy — do not waste it sleeping in. When wipers mark deep, drop small jigs and spoons before you burn fuel on long empty runs. Watch for submerged brush and unmarked rock, idle no-wake near banks, and keep a lee cove on the plan if desert wind stands up mid-morning. Soft weekday pressure rewards an early trailer more than a noon roam.

● LURE BOX

TOP

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

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

Skip topwater once the sun is high and fish slide deep

MID

1/8–1/4 oz white jig / curly tail — the desert-reservoir school staple

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

Spinnerbait — white/chartreuse along brush for bass mix

BOTTOM

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

Channel-cat cut bait / nightcrawler — ledges when wipers shut off midday

Ned / small tube — secondary largemouth on rock

● WIPER / WHITE BASS LIFE STAGE

Early October on Rye Patch is classic schooling wiper / white bass season. Fish push bait on points and river-channel color lines at first light, then slide deeper as the sun climbs — especially on calm, warming Saturday–Sunday afternoons. Friday's softer light under patchy smoke can keep the shallow window open longer. Secondary channel cats and largemouth share the same brush and ledge real estate with slower presentations once the schools move off.

● NATURAL FORAGE

Most-likely menu this week: threadfin / young shad still roaming open water, shiners in warm backwaters, and crayfish on rock and brush. Hatch reports are thin for this desert reservoir. Match what you mark on electronics. After any residual smoke or dust, expect slightly stained water near the inlet and lean brighter profiles briefly.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

Channel catfish — river channel and ledges with cut bait once schools slide midday.

Largemouth — brush edges with spinnerbaits and creatures. Confirm Nevada State Parks / NDOW regs before you keep fish.

● HEAVY TRAFFIC

Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4: no named national trail event pulled for Rye Patch this midweek window. Expect soft recreational at the SRA ramps — weekday Pershing County traffic is usually light. 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 Rye Patch Reservoir (stations only — verify grade at the pump; listings can change):

735 — 165 E. Main St., Lovelock, NV (~30.5 mi) · ethanol-free MAVERICK 87

Maverik #553 — 605 W Haskell St, Winnemucca, NV (~39.3 mi) · ethanol-free MAVERIK 87

Maverik #610 — 863 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV (~40.2 mi) · ethanol-free MAVERIK 87

Maverik #453 — 775 S Broad St, Battle Mountain, NV (~71.9 mi) · ethanol-free MAVERIK 87

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

● LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday trends sunny near 83°F under light air — a soft extension of Sunday's fair pattern. Next 1–3 weeks: keep pulling USGS 10334500 elev before every trailer run and watch for the next Humboldt basin weather pulse. Soft recreational midweek.

Regs: Nevada State Parks / SRA rules + NDOW freshwater regs (live).

● 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.

● ACCESS PULSE

Public ramps are the honest gate on this water — confirm hours, fees, and ramp condition before you trailer, especially after any overnight weather. Soft mud, unmarked rock, and drawdown shelves are the usual desert-reservoir tax. Give trailer traffic room at the apron, idle in no-wake zones, and leave private docks alone.

Carry a simple plan B: if the primary ramp is crowded or closed, have a second legal public access in mind and stick to a second legal public access rather than crossing posted land. Midweek recreational pressure is usually light enough that the first legal ramp you planned is still the right call.

● SOURCES

NWS Reno (REV) point forecast (Sunday night PT pull) · USGS 10334500 elev · Nevada State Parks / Rye Patch SRA · NDOW (live) · Pure-Gas.org ethanol-free station listings · Trail calendars skimmed for named events (none confirmed for this window). Schedules change — confirm before launch.