



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Topaz Lake (NV): Shower Chance Friday, ~20k AF Pool & Trout Dawn

Topaz Lake Recreation Area · Douglas County (NV shore) · Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · times PT

Mon shower chance early (NWS REV)

Highs ~69° Mon → ~75° Tue → ~83° Wed (NWS REV)

USGS storage ~20,310 AF (Sep 27 ~10 PM PT)

Primary: trout · soft recreational pressure

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

● MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS band pull (middle / Topaz representative) — applied to Topaz Lake (NV) keeps a **quiet early-October pattern** for this Friday **Cast** window (Fri–Sun) at Topaz Lake (NV). **Friday ~90°F / ~56°F**, patchy smoke, wind SW 5 to 10 mph. **Saturday ~89°F / ~57°F**, sunny, wind E 0 to 10 mph. **Sunday ~89°F / ~58°F**, mostly sunny, wind N 0 to 10 mph. Storm chances stay **near zero** across the window. Reader clocks below are **PT** (water-local).

For trout: 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

~90°F

Low ~56° · ~0% storms · SW 5 to 10 mph

Patchy Smoke — 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

~89°F

Low ~57° · ~0% storms · E 0 to 10 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

~89°F

Low ~58° · ~0% storms · N 0 to 10 mph

Mostly 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**

Topaz Lake storage from **USGS 10297000 Topaz Lake near Topaz, CA**: provisional reservoir storage **~20,310 acre-feet** at **Sep 27, 2026 ~10:00 PM PT** (a companion local-datum elev series also updates on that site). This Cast is the **NV shore** product hubbed at Topaz Lake Recreation Area (Douglas County); CA shore belongs to the CA peer. Soft storage → bite notes only. Lead trout / coldwater honestly. Schedules **can change without notice**.

NODE	PULL SNAPSHOT	OPS SIGNAL	BITE CONTEXT
Topaz Lake pool USGS 10297000	Storage ~20,310 AF Sep 27 ~10:00 PM PT	Provisional storage live <i>Confirm USGS / Douglas County before launch</i>	Fish NV-shore points and deeper breaks; watch ramp exposure
Topaz Lake RA (NV) Douglas County Parks	Public NV-shore hub for this pin	Confirm ramp / fees live	Dawn first light is the trout window on the NV side
Mon shower → sun NWS REV	~43% shower chance Mon early	Tue–Wed sunny warm-up	Soft Friday light helps shallow; Wed heat pushes deeper

Honest thin board: Storage is solid; hourly release blocks were not on this pull. Confirm USGS and Douglas County RA notices. CA shore tactics stay on the CA peer Cast.

MAIN LAKE FRI–SUN

Friday soft skies: NV-shore points at first light

Tue–Wed sunny warm-up: beat the heat, then go deeper

~20k AF pool — confirm the Douglas County ramp

SAFETY

Desert / high-valley wind can spike — watch afternoon gusts

Stay on the NV shore for this Cast's pin

Never fish inside restricted dam / outlet markers

● HOW TO FISH IT

BANK

Topaz Lake Recreation Area on the Nevada side is the weekday bank hub — dawn walk-and-cast with a small spoon or Rooster Tail along point tips while Friday's shower chance softens the light. Midday Sunday heat pushes you toward deeper drops you can still reach from shore. Skip the California shore for this product's pin, give trailer traffic room at the Nevada ramp, and watch slick algae on rock after spray. Soft weekday pressure still favors first light.

KAYAK

Protected Nevada-shore pockets suit a kayak on calm Saturday–Sunday mornings. Launch from the Douglas County public ramp, work 6–15 ft edges at first light for trout, and stay on the Nevada side of the lake for this Cast. Wear a PFD; watch afternoon wind on the longer fetch. Keep runs inside a distance you can reverse, and duck into a pocket if a shower cell stacks on radar.

BOAT

Idle out of the Nevada recreation-area ramp at first light, graph points for bait, and stay mobile on the Nevada shore. Saturday and Sunday calm sun makes boat control easy — do not waste it sleeping in. Soft recreational pressure midweek; California-shore launches are out of scope for this Cast. A compact NV-shore circuit beats a border-crossing roam, and reefing early is good judgment when wind stands up.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Small spoons / Kastmasters at dawn

Dry fly or hopper on calm banks when rises show

Skip noisy topwater under hard midday sun

MID

Rooster Tail / Panther Martin along NV points

Soft hackle / nymph under indicator

Stickbait slow-rolled mid-column

BOTTOM

Weighted nymphs / eggs near bottom

Jig + mealworm / PowerBait where legal

Spoons deep on windward NV points after 10 AM

● TROUT LIFE STAGE

Early October on Topaz's NV shore is early-fall trout / coldwater season — cool nights and a Friday shower chance favor first-light feeding, then a midday slide deeper under Saturday–Sunday sun. Lead trout honestly; this is not a bass-first water this week. CA-shore tactics live on the peer Cast.

● NATURAL FORAGE

Most-likely menu: midges/mayflies where present, baitfish along points, and callibaetis-type activity on calm mornings. No specific hatch claimed without a dated report — match size to what you see.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

Kokanee / coldwater mix — deeper mid-column when present; confirm seasons. **Largemouth** — secondary on warmer edges. CA shore callouts belong to the CA peer. Confirm Douglas County / NDOW regs.

● HEAVY TRAFFIC

Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4: no named national trail event pulled for Topaz NV shore this midweek window. Soft recreational at the Douglas County RA. 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 Topaz Lake (NV) (stations only — verify grade at the pump; listings can change):

Golden Gate — 1485 Grant Ave, Gardnerville, NV (~19.2 mi) · ethanol-free UNBRANDED 91

Maverick — 1301 N Hwy 395, Gardnerville, NV (~20.1 mi) · ethanol-free UNBRANDED 87

Maverik #460 — 1651 Highway 88, Minden, NV (~22.9 mi) · ethanol-free MAVERIK 87

Maverik #440 — 402 W Goldfield Ave, Yerington, NV (~28.0 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 87°F under light air — a warm extension of Sunday. Next 1–3 weeks: keep pulling USGS 10297000 and watch for the next Reno-grid weather pulse. Soft recreational midweek on the NV shore.

Regs: Douglas County Topaz Lake RA rules + NDOW on NV water. CA credentials apply only if you cross — this Cast stays 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.

● 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.

● READER CHECKLIST

Before you leave the driveway: confirm the public ramp is open, pull the latest NWS day card for your launch hour, and confirm the level board named in the Dam / level cheat sheet. Soft boards and storm odds change overnight — the Cast is a Sunday-night snapshot, not a substitute for the live page.

On the water, start with one honest search pass at first light, then slow down only when bait or birds prove the spot. Midday under sunny highs is when most anglers grind empty shallows — slide deeper, find shade, or switch to a finesse presentation rather than repeating the same empty bank cast. End the day with a quick gear rinse and a note about what actually produced, so Friday's Cast window starts smarter.

Shared safety once more: life jacket on, lightning means leave, and private docks stay private. Desert reservoirs reward the prepared angler and punish the rushed one — especially when Friday's storm odds and Sunday's heat bookend the same short midweek window.

● SOURCES

NWS Reno (REV) point forecast (Sunday night PT pull) · USGS 10297000 storage · Douglas County Topaz Lake Recreation Area · 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.