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FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY **CAST** NEW JERSEY

Spruce Run Reservoir: Late-Sep Hybrid Striped Bass Midweek Plan

Monday Sep 21 – Thursday Sep 24, 2026 · Spruce Run Reservoir · bank, kayak & boat · times in **ET**

No named trail event pulled for Mon–Thu window

Mon ~70°F / precip ~8% · Tue ~62°F / precip ~66% · Wed ~64°F / precip ~25% · Thu ~64°F / precip ~15%

Primary: hybrid striped bass

Weekday soft recreational pressure

Late September on Spruce Run Reservoir — lead with hybrid striped bass while the Mon–Thu window still moves fish, and keep midweek NWS PHI sky in the plan.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS PHI near Clinton (pulled Sun Sep 20, 2026 · 9:48 PM ET). Pattern for the Monday **Cast** window (all clock times **ET**): see day cards. Soft weekday recreational pressure. **No named trail event pulled for Mon–Thu window.** Looking ahead 1–3 weeks: no additional sourced trail event confirmed at gather — re-check state/club calendars.

Barometer / clarity: METAR baro not bound this run — STATUS THIN. Clarity qualitative only for late Sep; expect clearer main lake / stained after rain in creeks.

Pattern: Hunterdon hybrids + bass day-trip — hybrids often the draw

MONDAY

High: 70°F

Sky: Partly Sunny

Wind: 5 mph NE

Precip: 8% storm/precip chance

Times in **ET**

TUESDAY

High: 62°F

Sky: Rain Showers Likely

Wind: 5 to 10 mph NE

Precip: 66% storm/precip chance

Times in **ET**

WEDNESDAY

High: 64°F

Sky: Chance Rain Showers

Wind: 10 to 15 mph NE

Precip: 25% storm/precip chance

Times in **ET**

THURSDAY

High: 64°F

Sky: Slight Chance Rain Showers

Wind: 5 to 10 mph NE

Precip: 15% storm/precip chance

Times in **ET**

● DAM & CURRENT / LEVELS CHEAT SHEET

Primary = hybrid striped bass (species-honest) E0 prices: not listed — verify at pump Hydrology/levels THIN — re-check agency boards Lake/river levels and any hydro schedule: **THIN at gather** — re-check USGS / state agency / dam boards before launch. Do not invent pool elevations or generation unit counts.

Say **Generator schedule** when hydro applies (e.g. Connecticut River). Re-check before launch.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Dawn/dusk on points, rock, and shade for **hybrid striped bass**

Skip blast-off lanes on weekends; weekdays softer

Public ramps/parks — live-check access hours

KAYAK

Windward protected coves if midweek breeze builds

Work transitions: weed-to-rock, channel swings

PFD on; cold mornings possible late Sep in north NH

BOAT

Idle zones / no-wake near docks and marinas

Electronics on bait schools for primary **hybrid striped bass**

Re-check wind before open-water runs

● ETHANOL-FREE FUEL NEAR THIS WATER

Sky Manor Airport — 48 Sky Manor Road, Pittstown, NJ · ~6.5 mi · 100 octane E0price not listed — verify at pump908-996-4200[Pure-Gas](#)

Wawa #8032 — 631 S 25th St, Easton, PA · ~16.2 mi · 89 octane E0price not listed — verify at pump610-252-4152[Pure-Gas](#)

Wawa #8046 — 3820 Easton Nazareth Highway, Easton, PA · ~18.9 mi · 89 octane E0price not listed — verify at pump610-759-1070[Pure-Gas](#)

Wawa #8043 — 4089 Jandy Blvd, Nazareth, PA · ~20.3 mi · 89 octane E0price not listed — verify at pump610-988-6009[Pure-Gas](#)

Listed E0 stations as of Sun Sep 20, 2026 · 9:48 PM ET from Pure-Gas.org (crowdsourced). Pump prices not confirmed at gather — may change; verify at the pump. Call ahead. Distances rough to this water.

• LURE BOX — TOP / MID / BOTTOM

TOP

Walking bait / popper at low light

Buzzbait on cloudy edges

Small topwater matching forage profile

MID

Soft jerk / fluke (natural)

Spinnerbait if stain after rain

Small swimbait / underspin for baitfish

BOTTOM

Ned / drop-shot finesse

Jig / soft craw on rock

Football / shaky for deeper hybrid striped bass

Stain/clear: Prefer natural/smoke/green in clear; chartreuse if stained after cells. Match What's on the menu.

• PRIMARY LIFE STAGE + WHAT'S ON THE MENU

Primary species this week: hybrid striped bass — Hunterdon hybrids + bass day-trip — hybrids often the draw

What's on the menu (dated hatch thin — most likely late Sep): shad; cut/live where legal for hybrids. Match size/profile; do not invent a specific hatch.

• ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- **largemouth bass** — short in-season note; live-check regs
- **smallmouth bass** — short in-season note; live-check regs

Regs: live-link only — NHFG Fish & Wildlife / NJDEP Fish & Wildlife. Do not hardcode lengths.

• LOOKING AHEAD

Next 1–3 weeks: cooling nights may sharpen early-fall feel. **Heavy Traffic:** no named trail event sourced for Mon–Thu; re-pull calendars for next weekend. Levels/boards change — re-check before launch.

Sources: NWS api.weather.gov (PHI) Sun Sep 20, 2026 · 9:48 PM ET; Pure-Gas.org E0 Sun Sep 20, 2026 · 9:48 PM ET; this water from locked nh-bass/nj-bass cast-pins. Hydrology THIN this gather. Schedules change — re-check before launch.

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