



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST · NEW MEXICO

Abiquiu Cast

Abiquiu Lake · Mon Sep 21 – Thu Sep 24, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · times MT

USACE SPA

Primary: smallmouth

Times MT

Abiquiu smallmouth week — tubes and rock first light, then deeper swings before canyon wind stacks.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

National Weather Service ABQ · Youngsville — forecast gathered Sunday evening, Sep 20, 2026. All clock times below are **MT**.

Late-September pattern from the National Weather Service for the Abiquiu / Española corridor corridor. Treat day cards as the planning spine and re-check the morning of your trip.

WINDOW

Mon–Thu

through Thursday evening MT

PRIMARY SPECIES

Smallmouth bass (primary);
largemouth secondary

CROWD / HEAVY TRAFFIC

No named trail event pulled for Monday through Thursday. Soft weekday recreational pressure.

MONDAY

High near **77°F** · Mostly Sunny · ~0% storm/
precip chance

Wind NW 0 to 5 mph

Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. Northwest
wind 0 to 5 mph.

Local clock times **MT**

TUESDAY

High near **73°F** · Mostly Cloudy then Chance
Showers And Thunderstorms · ~56% storm/
precip chance

Wind SE 5 mph

A chance of showers and thunderstorms after
noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 73.
Southeast wind around 5 mph. Chance of
precipitation is 60%.

Local clock times **MT**

WEDNESDAY

High near **65°F** · Showers And Thunderstorms ·
~84% storm/precip chance

Wind E 0 to 5 mph

Rain showers before 9am, then showers and
thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 65.
Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Local clock times **MT**

THURSDAY

High near **69°F** · Showers And Thunderstorms
Likely · ~61% storm/precip chance

Wind E 0 to 5 mph

A chance of rain showers before noon, then
showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly
cloudy, with a high near 69. Chance of
precipitation is 60%.

Local clock times **MT**

● DAM & POOL CHEAT SHEET

USACE SPA / Abiquiu (Rio Chama) — pool/release or level thin at this gather. What matters Monday through Thursday is **level, any release pulse, and wind**.

BOARDS

Re-check live agency boards before launch. Do not invent numbers.

WIND

Fetch turns after mid-morning — plan lee shores.

ACCESS

Posted ramps and parks — fees/hours verify live.

Schedules change — verify dam boards before you go.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shared:
Hydrate Mon–Tue; desert heat and wind build fast. Dam restricted zones off-limits.
Abiquiu:
Posted shoreline and ramp-adjacent banks; rocky points early/late. Watch footing.
Access: NM State Parks / NMDGF where posted.

KAYAK

Abiquiu: Lee shores and creek arms before main-lake wind. Avoid dam discharge. PFD on.

BOAT

Plan: first light rock and points for smallmouth; midday deeper swings; evening shade. Rio Chama storage — respect USACE boards.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Walking topwater (chrome / bone / white) at dawn
Buzzbait over calm pockets
Popper on bait dimples

MID

Spinnerbait (white / chartreuse shad)
Medium diving crank (shad / craw)
Lipless along points

BOTTOM

Texas-rig soft plastic (green pumpkin)
Football or finesse jig (brown craw)
Ned / shaky on rock

Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed this window. Lean shad chrome / white on clearer water; darker craw / junebug if storms dirty backs.

● BASS LIFE STAGE

Early-fall transition on Rio Chama storage. Smallmouth headline on rock; largemouth secondary in softer water.

What's on the menu: Most likely crawfish on rock and baitfish on points.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

TROUT NOTES

Coldwater secondary — soft language; Cast stays bass-first.

WALLEYE

Honest secondary when schools show.

CROWD / HEAVY TRAFFIC

No named trail event pulled for Mon–Thu. Soft weekday recreational pressure.

Regs live-link only: NMDGF freshwater creel & size limits (confirm live).

Looking ahead (next 1–3 weeks): Cooling nights next 1–3 weeks; re-check agency boards and trail calendars. Next Cast: Friday window Fri–Sun.

ETHANOL-FREE FUEL NEAR THIS WATER

Current prices (as of Sun Sep 20, 2026 evening) — may change; verify at the pump.

Pure-Gas.org search — Abiquiu / Española corridor · ethanol-free listings · price not listed — verify at pump

Listed E0 stations from Pure-Gas.org (crowdsourced). Call ahead — availability changes. If you cannot confirm E0 at the pump, do not assume regular unleaded is ethanol-free. Station-specific pump prices were not confirmed at this gather. Do not invent a dollar amount.

Sources: National Weather Service forecast for the Abiquiu / Española corridor area pulled Sunday evening Sep 20, 2026; Pure-Gas.org for ethanol-free station identity; USACE SPA / Abiquiu (Rio Chama); New Mexico Department of Game and Fish freshwater guidance. Schedules and conditions change — verify dam boards before you go. Schedules change — verify boards before you go.

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