



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST · NEW MEXICO

Bill Evans–Roberts Cast

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

Trophy small lakes

Times MT

Gila trophy twin week — Bill Evans and Roberts with labeled callouts, quiet banks, and a finesse-first box.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

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

Late-September pattern from the National Weather Service for the Silver City / Gila 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

Largemouth bass (primary
— trophy small-lake)

CROWD / HEAVY TRAFFIC

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

MONDAY

High near **88°F** · Sunny · ~3% storm/precip chance

Wind WNW 2 to 7 mph

Sunny, with a high near 88. West northwest wind 2 to 7 mph.

Local clock times **MT**

TUESDAY

High near **83°F** · Chance Rain Showers then Showers And Thunderstorms Likely · ~63% storm/precip chance

Wind ESE 8 to 15 mph

A chance of rain showers before noon, then showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 83. East southeast wind 8 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 23 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Local clock times **MT**

WEDNESDAY

High near **80°F** · Showers And Thunderstorms · ~76% storm/precip chance

Wind ESE 8 mph

Rain showers before 9am, then showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 80. East southeast wind around 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Local clock times **MT**

THURSDAY

High near **79°F** · Chance Rain Showers then Chance Showers And Thunderstorms · ~54% storm/precip chance

Wind ESE 5 to 8 mph

A chance of rain showers before noon, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 79. East southeast wind 5 to 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Local clock times **MT**

● DAM & POOL CHEAT SHEET

NMDGF Trophy Bass Waters (Gila region) — 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. Bill Evans–Roberts: Bill Evans: posted banks and dam-area shoreline where legal. Roberts: forest/park banks early/late. Label callouts. Access: NM State Parks / NMDGF where posted.

KAYAK

Bill Evans–Roberts: Small-water kayaks shine — protected shorelines, quiet mornings. PFD on; respect private/posted.

BOAT

Plan: first light cover and points on both; midday shade and deeper edges; evening revisit. Trophy small-lake pace — stealth over speed.

● 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 Gila-region trophy bass waters. Largemouth headline; fish small and quiet.

What's on the menu: Most likely bluegill / sunfish and baitfish around cover. Match profile.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

PANFISH

Bluegill honest secondary around the same cover.

TROUT NOTES

Roberts coldwater notes exist — soft; Cast stays bass-first.

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 — Silver City / Gila 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 Silver City / Gila corridor area pulled Sunday evening Sep 20, 2026; Pure-Gas.org for ethanol-free station identity; NMDGF Trophy Bass Waters (Gila region); 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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