



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST · NEW MEXICO

Caballo Cast

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

USBR Rio Grande

Times MT

Heavy Traffic: none pulled

Caballo rides the same Rio Grande Project week as Butte — fish first light on points, then slide deeper before desert wind wins.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

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

Late-September pattern from the National Weather Service for the Caballo / Truth or Consequences south 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);
white bass secondary

CROWD / HEAVY TRAFFIC

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

MONDAY

High near **90°F** · Sunny · ~3% storm/precip chance

Wind NNW 3 to 10 mph

Sunny, with a high near 90. North northwest wind 3 to 10 mph.

Local clock times **MT**

TUESDAY

High near **83°F** · Chance Rain Showers then Showers And Thunderstorms · ~84% storm/precip chance

Wind SE 6 to 12 mph

A chance of rain showers before noon, then showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 83. Southeast wind 6 to 12 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%.

Local clock times **MT**

WEDNESDAY

High near **76°F** · Showers And Thunderstorms · ~91% storm/precip chance

Wind NNE 5 to 9 mph

Showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 76. North northeast wind 5 to 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 90%.

Local clock times **MT**

THURSDAY

High near **77°F** · Rain Showers Likely · ~69% storm/precip chance

Wind ENE 3 to 7 mph

Rain showers likely before noon, then showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77. East northeast wind 3 to 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Local clock times **MT**

● DAM & POOL CHEAT SHEET

USBR Rio Grande Project / Caballo — 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. Caballo: State Park banks, rocky points, and marina shoreline early/late — fees verify live. Access: NM State Parks / NMDGF where posted.

KAYAK

Caballo: Protected coves and secondary points; avoid afternoon main-lake rollers. PFD on.

BOAT

Plan: first light–9 AM points and channel edges; midday deeper structure; evening shallow shade. Sister storage to Elephant Butte — boards can diverge.

● 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 Grande Project sister storage. Largemouth still relate to points and cover; white bass secondary when schooling.

What's on the menu: Most likely shad-class bait and sunfish. Start shad; keep craw jig for rock.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

WHITE BASS

Watch points and channel swings when bait compresses.

CATFISH

Cut bait deeper holes — secondary note.

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 — Caballo / Truth or Consequences south · 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 Caballo / Truth or Consequences south area pulled Sunday evening Sep 20, 2026; Pure-Gas.org for ethanol-free station identity; USBR Rio Grande Project / Caballo; 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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