



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST · NEW MEXICO

Santa Rosa–Sumner Cast

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

Pecos corridor

Times MT

Heavy Traffic: none pulled

Pecos twin-storage week — Santa Rosa and Sumner with labeled callouts, first light on points, plains wind by noon.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

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

Late-September pattern from the National Weather Service for the Santa Rosa / Fort Sumner 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)

CROWD / HEAVY TRAFFIC

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

MONDAY

High near **81°F** · Mostly Sunny · ~4% storm/precip chance

Wind NE 5 to 10 mph

Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Local clock times **MT**

TUESDAY

High near **75°F** · Chance Showers And Thunderstorms · ~62% storm/precip chance

Wind SE 5 to 10 mph

Scattered rain showers before 9am, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 75. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Local clock times **MT**

WEDNESDAY

High near **66°F** · Showers And Thunderstorms · ~97% storm/precip chance

Wind S 5 mph

Showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 66. Chance of precipitation is 100%.

Local clock times **MT**

THURSDAY

High near **70°F** · Rain Showers Likely then Chance Showers And Thunderstorms · ~56% storm/precip chance

Wind SW 0 to 5 mph

Rain showers likely before noon, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 70. Chance of precipitation is 60%.

Local clock times **MT**

● DAM & POOL CHEAT SHEET

USACE Santa Rosa · USBR Sumner (Pecos corridor) — 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. Santa Rosa–Sumner: Santa Rosa: State Park banks and points. Sumner: posted shoreline near ramps. Label callouts. Access: NM State Parks / NMDGF where posted.

KAYAK

Santa Rosa–Sumner: Creek arms and lee shores on both lakes before plains wind. PFD on; collapse into cover.

BOAT

Plan: first light points/creek mouths at both; midday deeper swings; evening shade. Boards can diverge — check each lake.

● 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 Pecos corridor storage. Largemouth primary on both with labeled callouts.

What's on the menu: Most likely shad and sunfish; craw on rock.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

WALLEYE · WHITE BASS

Soft secondary when schools show.

CATFISH

Deeper holes — secondary.

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 — Santa Rosa / Fort Sumner 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 Santa Rosa / Fort Sumner corridor area pulled Sunday evening Sep 20, 2026; Pure-Gas.org for ethanol-free station identity; USACE Santa Rosa · USBR Sumner (Pecos corridor); 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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