



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST · NEW MEXICO

Ute–Conchas Cast

Ute Lake · Conchas Lake (labeled callouts) · Mon Sep 21 – Thu Sep 24, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · times MT

Dual agency: ISC + USACE

Times MT

Heavy Traffic: none pulled

Canadian River twin-storage week — fish Ute and Conchas with labeled callouts, first light on points, and respect afternoon plains wind.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

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

Late-September plains pattern for the Ute–Conchas corridor. Warm start, midweek storm chance possible. Day cards are the spine — re-check morning-of.

WINDOW

Mon–Thu

through Thursday evening MT

PRIMARY SPECIES

Largemouth bass (primary);
smallmouth secondary on
rock

CROWD / HEAVY TRAFFIC

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

MONDAY

High near **80°F** · Partly Sunny · ~11% storm/precip chance

Wind NE 5 to 10 mph

Partly sunny, with a high near 80. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph.

Local clock times **MT**

TUESDAY

High near **79°F** · Scattered Showers And Thunderstorms · ~47% storm/precip chance

Wind SE 5 to 10 mph

Scattered showers and thunderstorms before 3pm, then scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

Local clock times **MT**

WEDNESDAY

High near **72°F** · Showers And Thunderstorms · ~95% storm/precip chance

Wind SE 5 to 10 mph

Showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 72. Chance of precipitation is 100%.

Local clock times **MT**

THURSDAY

High near **75°F** · Showers And Thunderstorms Likely then Chance Showers And Thunderstorms · ~71% storm/precip chance

Wind S 5 mph

Showers and thunderstorms likely before noon, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75. Chance of precipitation is 70%.

Local clock times **MT**

● DAM & POOL CHEAT SHEET

Ute Lake (ISC) · Conchas Lake (USACE SPA) — hybrid product with labeled callouts. Pool/release thin at gather for both.

UTE

Re-check ISC / State Park boards. Do not invent elevation.

CONCHAS

Re-check USACE SPA boards before launch.

WIND

Plains fetch stacks afternoon whitecaps — plan lee.

Schedules change — verify dam boards before you go.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shared: Hydrate; Canadian River corridor can swing from calm mornings to dusty afternoon wind.
Ute: State Park / marina banks and rocky points early/late.
Conchas: posted shoreline and ramp adjacent banks where legal. Dam restricted zones off-limits. Access: NM State Parks / NMDGF.

KAYAK

Ute: creek arms and protected coves before main-lake wind.
Conchas: lee shores and secondary points — avoid open basin when whitecaps fill. Launch known ramps; PFD on; collapse into cover rather than fighting fetch.

BOAT

Plan: first light on points and creek mouths at both lakes; midday ride deeper channel swings and rock; evening revisit shallow shade. Label callouts in your log — Ute vs Conchas can diverge on wind even the same day. Launch early.

● LURE BOX

TOP

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

MID

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

BOTTOM

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

Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed. Lean shad colors on clearer main-lake; darker craw if midweek storms dirty backs.

● BASS LIFE STAGE

Early-fall transition on Canadian River storage. Largemouth and smallmouth both in play — LM on cover and backs, SMB on rock and points.

What's on the menu: Most likely shad-class bait and crawfish on rock. Match profile; keep a craw jig ready.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

WALLEYE · WHITE BASS

Honest secondary notes when schools show on graph or birds — soft language only.

CATFISH

Cut bait deeper holes — secondary.

CROWD / HEAVY TRAFFIC

No named trail event pulled Mon–Thu. Soft weekday pressure; weekend residual at State Park ramps.

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

Looking ahead (next 1–3 weeks): Cooling nights next 1–3 weeks favor point and rock patterns. Re-check Ute and Conchas boards separately. Next Cast: Friday window.

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 — Ute Lake / Conchas / Tucumcari 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 Ute–Conchas / Tucumcari area pulled Sunday evening Sep 20, 2026; Pure-Gas.org for ethanol-free station identity; Interstate Stream Commission and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Albuquerque District context; 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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