



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST · NEW YORK

Great Sacandaga Cast

Great Sacandaga Lake · Mon Sep 21 – Thu Sep 24, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · times ET

Primary: smallmouth

Pike/walleye notes

Times ET

Sacandaga Adirondack week — rock and tubes first light, then deeper swings before the fetch owns the afternoon.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

National Weather Service — forecast gathered Sunday evening, Sep 20, 2026. All clock times below are **ET**.

Late-September pattern from the National Weather Service for the Great Sacandaga / Adirondack foothills corridor. Treat day cards as the planning spine and re-check the morning of your trip. Barometer and lake effect can shift hour to hour.

WINDOW

Mon–Thu

through Thursday evening ET

PRIMARY SPECIES

Smallmouth bass (strong); largemouth secondary; pike/walleye also relevant

CROWD / HEAVY TRAFFIC

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

MONDAY

Forecast thin — verify dam boards before you go

TUESDAY

Forecast thin — verify dam boards before you go

WEDNESDAY

Forecast thin — verify dam boards before you go

THURSDAY

Forecast thin — verify dam boards before you go

● DAM & DRAWDOWN CHEAT SHEET

Hudson River–Black River Regulating District + NYSDEC — live level/flow thin at this gather where flagged. What matters Monday through Thursday is **wind, water level, and boat traffic**.

BOARDS

Re-check live boards before launch. Do not invent CFS or stage.

WIND

Fetches turn after mid-morning — plan lee shores.

ACCESS

DEC launches and parks — hours verify live.

Schedules change — verify dam boards before you go.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shared: Hydrate; September mornings can start cool then warm. Restricted dam/lock zones off-limits. Great Sacandaga: DEC launches and park shorelines; rocky points early/late. Watch drawdown mud and footing. Access: NYSDEC freshwater boating access where posted.

KAYAK

Great Sacandaga: Coves and lee points before main-lake wind; Adirondack fetch turns fast. PFD on; plan exits.

BOAT

Plan: first light rocky points and drop-offs for smallmouth; midday humps; evening south-end weeds for largemouth. Respect drawdown and regulating-district boards.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Walking topwater (chrome / bone / white) at dawn

Popper on bait dimples

Buzzbait over calm weed edges

MID

Spinnerbait (white / chartreuse shad)

Medium diving crank or swimbait (shad)

Lipless along weed edges / points

BOTTOM

Tube or ned (green pumpkin / smoke)

Drop-shot or shaky

Football or finesse jig (brown craw)

Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed this window. Lean natural / smoke / green pumpkin on clearer water; darker craw if storms dirty backs.

● BASS LIFE STAGE

Early-fall transition on Adirondack flood-control reservoir. Smallmouth strong on rock; largemouth secondary in weeds.

What's on the menu: Most likely **baitfish**, **crawfish**, and bluegill. Match profile.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

NORTHERN PIKE · WALLEYE

Honest secondaries — soft language when graph shows fish.

PANFISH

Bluegill around weed edges.

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

Looking ahead (next 1–3 weeks): Cooling nights next 1–3 weeks tighten fall patterns. 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 — Great Sacandaga / Adirondack foothills · 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 Great Sacandaga / Adirondack foothills area pulled Sunday evening Sep 20, 2026; Pure-Gas.org for ethanol-free station identity; Hudson River–Black River Regulating District + NYSDEC; New York State Department of Environmental Conservation freshwater guidance. Schedules and conditions change — verify dam boards before you go. **Schedules change — verify boards before you go.**

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