



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST · OHIO · OH

Hoover Reservoir: Midweek Pattern — Largemouth bass

Monday Sep 21 – Thursday Sep 24, 2026 · Hoover Reservoir · bank, kayak & boat · Monday morning through Thursday evening focus · times ET

Precip risk Monday ~79%

Mon ~68° · Thu ~68°

NWS ILN · Westerville, OH

Primary: Largemouth bass

● MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS ILN (Westerville, OH) for the pin: **Monday** ~68°F, Showers And Thunderstorms (~79% precip); **Tuesday** ~69°F, Mostly Cloudy (~8% precip); **Wednesday** ~66°F, Rain Showers Likely (~59% precip); **Thursday** ~68°F, Slight Chance Rain Showers then Partly Sunny (~22% precip). Times in this Cast are Eastern Time (ET). This Cast window is **Mon morning through Thu evening** — weekend leftovers are outside scope.

Primary species focus: **Largemouth bass** (localized, not bass-by-default). Forage cue: Shad / bluegill — Columbus metro reservoir pattern. Dam/current: Hoover Dam (OH municipal) — pool stable vs river dams.

MONDAY SEP 21

~68°F

Showers And Thunderstorms · ~79% precip · 13 mph NE

Primary window: dawn through mid-morning; second chance late day

Showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68. Northeast wind around 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New rainfall amounts between a half...

Local times below use **Monday** water zone

TUESDAY SEP 22

~69°F

Mostly Cloudy · ~8% precip · 12 mph NE

Primary window: dawn through mid-morning; second chance late day

Mostly cloudy, with a high near 69. Northeast wind around 12 mph....

Local times below use **Tuesday** water zone

WEDNESDAY SEP 23

~66°F

Rain Showers Likely · ~59% precip · 13 mph NE
Primary window: dawn through mid-morning;
second chance late day

Rain showers likely. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible....

Local times below use **Wednesday** water zone

THURSDAY SEP 24

~68°F

Slight Chance Rain Showers then Partly Sunny ·
~22% precip · 12 mph E
Primary window: dawn through mid-morning;
second chance late day

A slight chance of rain showers before 8am.
Partly sunny, with a high near 68....

Local times below use **Thursday** water zone

● DAM & CURRENT / GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

Hoover Dam (OH municipal) — pool stable vs river dams.

Re-check boards evening-before and morning-of. Access: City of Columbus parks / Hoover ramps.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Park banks and fishing areas as posted.

KAYAK

Protected arms away from ski traffic.

BOAT

Creek arms + main-lake points; soft plastics standard.

● ETHANOL-FREE FUEL NEAR THIS WATER

PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · WESTERVILLE / NEW ALBANY CORRIDOR

Source: [Pure-Gas.org](https://pure-gas.org) · gather note **Sun Sep 20, 2026 · ~8:50 PM CT**

Pure-Gas.org — verify at pump. Cross-check [GasBuddy](https://gasbuddy.com) for posted price the morning you launch.

Caveat: Station identity from Pure-Gas.org; prices move — verify grade (E0) and price at the pump. Freshwater Cast does not guarantee availability.

• LURE BOX — TOP / MID / BOTTOM

TOP

Walking bait / popper at dawn

Buzzbait on cloudy edges

Whopper-style for wind ripples

MID

Spinnerbait / chatter on points

Fluke / soft jerk (shad)

Squarebill on rock / wood

BOTTOM

Jig / creature in cover

Ned / shaky on clear rock

Dropshot when pressured

• BASS LIFE STAGE + WHAT'S ON THE MENU

Primary: Largemouth bass — late-summer / early-fall transition into midweek cool-down. Fish relating to bait and shade / current depending on water.

What's on the menu: Shad / bluegill — Columbus metro reservoir pattern.

• ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- **Crappie** — in season / bycatch on this water
- **Hybrid striped bass** — in season / bycatch on this water
- **Catfish** — in season / bycatch on this water

Localized primary species policy LOCKED — not bass-by-default.

• HEAVY TRAFFIC

Watch: Metro traffic — expect some weekday recreational boats.

No named national trail weigh-in confirmed for this Mon–Thu window at gather time — re-check local club calendars morning-of. Commercial / recreation traffic still applies on rivers and destination lakes.

• LOOKING AHEAD

WINDOW

Mon–Thu

through Thu evening ET

NEXT GATHER

Thu 11pm local

Friday Cast

SOURCES

NWS ILN · Pure-Gas.org · GasBuddy · USACE/GRDA/ODNR boards as applicable · pin 40.1081,-82.8817