



FRESHWATER CAST · FRIDAY CAST · OREGON

Foster · Green Peter: Sunny Warming Weekend & Twin Santiam Bass

Foster Reservoir & Green Peter Reservoir · Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · times **PT**

Highs ~79° Fri → ~86° Sat → ~88° Sun (NWS PQR north band)

KSLE ~30.00 · KEUG ~30.01 inHg (Fri ~4 AM PT)

Foster 619.18 ft · Green Peter 887.28 ft (USGS)

Soft recreational · no named Foster/Green Peter trail event

South Santiam sisters open early October under a warming dry high — pack a shell for the low-50° dawn, fish Foster grass and Sunnyside timber before the sun climbs, then rotate to Green Peter rock when you want smallmouth that still eat a tube on the first stone.

● WEEKEND OUTLOOK

NWS Portland (PQR) north-band corridor forecast (PQR 121,64), pulled early Friday morning, keeps the Sweet Home / Foster / Green Peter corridor under a quiet dry high with cool nights and warming days into the upper 70s–upper 80s. **Friday** opens sunny with a high near **79°F** after an overnight low near **53°F**, west-southwest wind 0–6 mph, and almost no rain in the forecast; Friday night settles near **51°F**. **Saturday** climbs to near **86°F** / overnight low near **54°F**, sunny, light north breeze 0–3 mph. **Sunday** peaks near **88°F** / overnight low near **56°F**, sunny, southwest wind 0–5 mph. No active NWS watches or warnings for the corridor at the early-Friday pull. Nearby METARs around 4 AM PT Friday: **KSLE ~30.00** and **KEUG ~30.01 inHg** — a settled high over twin Santiam pools.

For largemouth on Foster: lean the low-light grass edges, Sunnyside timber, and Gedney Creek cuts hard while nights stay in the low-to-mid 50s, then expect a morning-shallow / midday-slide pattern as highs climb into the mid-80s under sunny skies. For Green Peter smallmouth: fish Whitcomb Creek and Thistle Creek rock before the sun climbs, then slide a Ned or tube along deeper stone once light hits the walls. Soft recreational pressure — **no named Foster or Green Peter trail event** Fri–Sun.

FRIDAY OCT 2

~79°F

Low ~53° overnight / ~51° night · ~1% storms · WSW 0–6 mph

Sunny

Sunrise **7:08 AM** · Sunset **6:52 PM PT**

Best bite: first light—9:30 AM PT on Sunnyside grass/timber and Green Peter rock; midday thicker wood and shaded points

SATURDAY OCT 3

~86°F

Low ~54° · ~0% storms · N 0–3 mph

Sunny

Sunrise **7:09 AM** · Sunset **6:50 PM PT**

Best bite: dawn in Gedney Creek backs; midday Whitcomb / Thistle rock once park traffic builds

SUNDAY OCT 4

~88°F

Low ~56° · ~0% storms · SW 0–5 mph

Sunny

Sunrise **7:10 AM** · Sunset **6:48 PM PT**

Best bite: first light—mid-morning on lee grass; midday windward rip along thicker timber or GP rock if any breeze stacks bait

BITE TIE-IN

Cool nights + warming sunny days = morning largemouth on Foster grass and timber, with Green Peter smallmouth honest on rock and points. Keep a bluegill-profile swim jig and a craw-colored tube ready — that is still this twin-pool early-October menu.

● DAM & CURRENT / GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

Foster and Green Peter are USACE Portland District (NWP) South Santiam flood-control / multi-purpose lakes near Sweet Home. Foster summer full sits near **637 ft**; Green Peter summer full sits near **1,010 ft**. There is **no public hour-by-hour hydropower unit board** for anglers — both are flood-control sisters. Live numbers below are USGS instantaneous values from the early-Friday pull; pool and releases can change.

SOURCE	LIVE PULL (FRI OCT 2 EARLY PT)	WHAT IT MEANS THIS WEEKEND
Foster pool USGS 14186600 Foster Lake at Foster	619.18 ft ~4:20 AM PT Oct 2 Summer full ~637 ft	About 18 ft under summer full — late-season drawdown is normal. Sunnyside and Gedney ramps still fish; confirm Linn County Parks before you trailer if the pool keeps easing.
Green Peter pool USGS 14186100 Green Peter Lake near Foster	887.28 ft ~4:20 AM PT Oct 2 Summer full ~1010 ft	Deep late-season drawdown (~123 ft under summer full) — concentrates smallmouth on remaining rock, Whitcomb Creek, and Thistle Creek edges. Confirm ramp feel before you trailer.
Santiam context South Santiam downstream ~1,340 cfs	~1,340 cfs · early Fri PT Oct 2	Modest early-October Santiam context — soft current near dam-face neighborhoods, not a sweeping generation push. Soft outflow → bite only.

Failover before launch: USACE NWP Foster / Green Peter · USGS 14186600 / 14186100 · Linn County Parks. Dam restricted zones stay off-limits. Soft pool → bite — lower late-season pools concentrate fish on remaining grass, timber, and Green Peter rock.

FOSTER · GRASS & TIMBER

With pool near 619 ft, fish Sunnyside County Park grass, Gedney Creek timber, and the first channel cuts. Largemouth and panfish both show where wood meets grass on the mid-lake backs.

GREEN PETER · ROCK CALLOUT

Whitcomb Creek and Thistle Creek rock fish a classic early-fall Green Peter pattern: crawfish on stone early, then smallmouth sliding deeper along points as the sun climbs. Calm dawn pockets favor a compact tube.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shared: Cool Friday dawns and hot Saturday–Sunday afternoons reward a shell early and water later; PFDs on wet rock; dam restricted zones stay off-limits. Start on **Sunnyside County Park** shoreline and **Foster Lake / Gedney Creek** walking grass and timber before picnic traffic. Rotate to **Whitcomb Creek** and **Thistle Creek** on Green Peter when you want rock for smallmouth. Dawn under the sunny high favors a compact buzzbait along Foster grass; once the sun climbs Saturday–Sunday, slow down with green-pumpkin creatures in wood holes and a Ned on Green Peter stone.

KAYAK

Launch **Sunnyside** or Gedney Creek when you want short paddles into Foster timber pockets boats rush past, then ferry toward Green Peter's **Whitcomb / Thistle** arms for rocky points with a Ned and tube. On calmer dawn pockets Friday–Sunday, work lee grass edges with a $\frac{3}{8}$ -oz swim jig or stickbait where bluegill chatter, then slide a small crank parallel to Green Peter rock once the sun hits stone. Pack a dry bag — valley evenings cool after sundown PT — and give bigger boats the main-lake lanes after late morning.

BOAT

Sunnyside County Park ramp puts you on Foster grass and wood first; Whitcomb Creek / Thistle Creek access is the Green Peter trailer play when you want rock smallmouth. Idle the first hour on a frog or waking bait along grass edges, then chatterbait stained banks if a breeze or release color shows, and keep tubes plus small cranks ready for Green Peter points. Confirm both USGS pools if trailer depth looked skinny last trip — late-season 619 ft / 887 ft still fishes, but creek backs change feel week to week. Weekend recreational traffic builds by late morning even without a trail blast-off.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Compact frog (black / white) over Foster grass

Buzzbait on shaded timber edges

Walking bait in slick dawn pockets

MID

$\frac{3}{8}$ oz swim jig (green pumpkin / bluegill)

Chatterbait or spinnerbait on stained windy banks

Small crank / squarebill along Green Peter rock

Soft stickbait for pressured wood

BOTTOM

Texas-rig creature in grass and wood holes

Tube or Ned on Green Peter riprap and points

Light football jig on rock transitions

Wacky stickbait when fish suspend off timber

Stain / clear match: Darker profiles if South Santiam releases dirty a bank; translucent bluegill, green-pumpkin, and natural craw on clearer Green Peter rock. Tie colors to bluegill / crappie and crawfish first.

● BASS LIFE STAGE

Early-fall transition on the South Santiam sisters. Cooler nights in the low-to-mid 50s and a warming sunny high should pull largemouth onto grass edges, timber pockets, and the first channel cuts at Foster while smallmouth stay honest on Green Peter rock. Fish are not locked on a winter deep stack yet — treat this as a morning-shallow, midday-slide pattern as highs climb into the mid-80s. Skip the spawn talk; that chapter is closed.

What's on the menu: Dated hatch reports for this exact window are thin. Most-likely forage this weekend is **bluegill and crappie** in Foster grass and timber, with **crawfish** on Green Peter rock and riprap once the sun climbs, and leftover juvenile baitfish wherever birds tip a school. Start on bluegill-profile swim jigs and creatures at Foster; keep a craw-colored tube ready for Green Peter stone midday.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

SMALLMOUTH · GREEN PETER ROCK

Green Peter's calling card on Whitcomb / Thistle stone — keep a tube or Ned ready when Foster grass goes quiet. Soft language only; confirm seasons and creel on the live ODFW page before you keep fish.

CRAPPIE · PANFISH MIX

Panfish still matter in Foster timber and Gedney Creek backs — a small jig or soft plastic covers mixed bags when bass pause. Same access rules as bass — legal bank and ramp water only.

CROWD / HEAVY TRAFFIC

No named Oregon club / trail event pulled for **Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4** on Foster or Green Peter. Expect normal weekend recreational traffic at Sunnyside / Whitcomb — earlier launch still beats the picnic crowd. Weekend trail traffic elsewhere stays on Siltcoos / Lower Columbia / John Day Pool / Prineville club — not here.

LOOKING AHEAD

NWS trend stays dry and warm into early next week with highs pushing the mid-to-upper 80s — classic early-October twin-pool mornings if nights stay cool and both pools keep easing. Heavy Traffic this weekend stays on other OR waters — **none named Foster or Green Peter** at the early-Friday pull. Next Cast: Monday window.

● PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · THIS WATER

Ethanol-free stations near the Sweet Home / Lebanon corridor (no pump prices).

- **Sweet Home Gas & Deli** — 1810 Main St, Sweet Home, OR (~3 mi) · ethanol-free UNION 76 92 on Pure-Gas.org — verify grade
- **Peter Goldstern** — 2412 S Santiam Hwy, Lebanon, OR (~14 mi) · ethanol-free SHELL 92 on Pure-Gas.org — verify grade
- **Lebanon Fast Gas** — 1550 S Main St, Lebanon, OR (~14 mi) · ethanol-free VP RACING 92 on Pure-Gas.org — verify grade

- **Brownsville Body Shop** — 105 W Bishop Way, Brownsville, OR (~16 mi) · ethanol-free UNBRANDED 92 on Pure-Gas.org — verify grade

Stations from Pure-Gas.org OR list (saved for this water). Listings move — verify literal E0 / ethanol-free grade at the pump. No pump prices published in this Cast.

Sources: NWS Portland (PQR) north-band corridor forecast grid PQR 121,64 · METAR KSLE / KEUG · USGS 14186600 Foster pool, 14186100 Green Peter pool, South Santiam context · USACE Portland / Foster & Green Peter project info · Linn County Parks · orbass.com Oregon master schedule · Pure-Gas.org ethanol-free station directory · ODFW Willamette Zone recreation report (live regs). Schedules change — confirm pool, ramps, and the forecast before launch.

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