



FRESHWATER CAST · FRIDAY CAST · PENNSYLVANIA

Beltzville: Warm Friday Storm Edge, Crisp Dry Saturday & Soft Sunday Showers

Beltzville Lake · Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · times **ET**

Highs ~83° Fri → ~71° Sat → ~66° Sun (NWS PHI middle band)

KABE ~29.95 · KFKL ~29.94 · KPIT ~29.95 inHg (Fri AM)

Pool 628.05 ft · Pohopoco ~70 cfs (Fri AM)

Weekend recreational · no named trail event pulled Fri–Sun

Beltzville's Poconos weekend opens sticky — Friday near the low 80s with a late shower chance — then Saturday's sunny cool-down when nights dip near 50°F and the Christman Trail rock finally feels like fall. Fish the Pohopoco arm at dawn before park traffic fills the day-use lots.

● WEEKEND OUTLOOK

NWS Mount Holly (PHI) grid for the middle Pennsylvania corridor covering this water this Cast window (PHI 29,118), pulled Friday morning, sets up an early-October flip: one sticky warm day, then a clean cool-down. **Friday** runs partly sunny with a high near **83°F**, west wind 0–10 mph, and a ~47% chance of rain showers after about 2 PM ET (under a tenth of an inch if they fire).

Overnight low near **52°F**. **Saturday** turns sunny and fall-like — high near **71°F** / overnight low near **50°F**, light northeast wind, and dry. **Sunday** cools to near **66°F** under mostly cloudy skies, east wind around 5 mph, and another ~42% shower chance after 2 PM (light). No active NWS watches or warnings at the Friday-morning pull. Nearby METARs around 7:10 AM ET Friday:

KABE ~29.95, KFKL ~29.94, KYNG ~29.94, and KPIT ~29.95 inHg — a firm high.

For black bass: protect Friday's first light before the heat and afternoon shower risk, then lean into Saturday's cool, dry morning when nights near 50°F should pull bait and fish shallower on points, rock, and creek-mouth edges. Sunday's cooler, showery look favors a slower presentation and cloud-cover spinnerbait if rain stays light. Soft weekend recreational pressure expected at Beltzville State Park — **no named trail tournament pulled** for Fri–Sun on Beltzville.

FRIDAY OCT 2

~83°F

Low tonight ~52° · ~47% showers · W 0–10 mph
Partly sunny, then chance showers after 2 PM

Sunrise **7:00 AM** · Sunset **6:42 PM ET**

Best bite: first light—~9:30 AM ET; midday shade/wood; watch the afternoon shower edge

SATURDAY OCT 3

~71°F

Low ~50° · ~0% storms · NE 0–5 mph
Sunny · clean cool-down day

Sunrise **7:01 AM** · Sunset **6:40 PM ET**

Best bite: dawn through mid-morning on points and edges; midday rock/weed transitions 6–16 ft

SUNDAY OCT 4

~66°F

Low ~54° · ~42% showers · E ~5 mph
Mostly cloudy with soft shower chances after 2 PM

Sunrise **7:02 AM** · Sunset **6:39 PM ET**

Best bite: cloudy low-light windows; slow down if rain light; protect any clear dawn pocket

BITE TIE-IN

Cool nights near 50°F plus Saturday's dry high = morning bass on rock points and creek-mouth edges where bait marks, then a midday slide as the sun climbs. Friday's heat compresses the dawn window; Sunday's clouds can stretch a spinnerbait or walking bait if showers stay soft. Keep a shad-profile soft bait ready when birds tip schools along the main lake.

● DAM & CURRENT / GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

Beltzville is a USACE Philadelphia District flood-control lake paired with Beltzville State Park recreation. There is **no public hour-by-hour unit board** for anglers. Live numbers below are USGS instantaneous values from the Friday-morning pull; schedules and releases can change without a friendly heads-up. With pool near 628 ft and only ~70 cfs leaving, this is a structure week, not a current week — fish the lake like a Poconos reservoir, not a river.

SOURCE	LIVE PULL (FRI OCT 2 MORNING ET)	WHAT IT MEANS THIS WEEKEND
Pool elevation USGS 01449790 Beltzville Lake near Parryville, PA	628.05 ft ~7:00 AM ET Oct 2	Sitting in a normal early-October operating band — docks, ramps, and shoreline structure fish “normal pool.” No flood-pool story this window.
Outflow / Pohopoco Creek USGS 01449800 Pohopoco Cr bl Beltzville Dam nr Parryville	~70 cfs · gage ~2.81 ft ~6:30 AM ET Oct 2	Quiet release — not a flush. Expect soft current near the dam neighborhood; main-lake rock and wood still fish as a reservoir pattern. Confirm outflow before you bank on heavy current.
Park / recreation failover Beltzville State Park / USACE	Live park notices · ramp hours Friday-morning Cast pull	Ramp openings and day-use hours drive access as much as the quiet release. Check the live Beltzville SP page for any temporary closures before you tow to the main ramp.

Failover before launch: USGS 01449790 / 01449800 · USACE Philadelphia / Beltzville · Beltzville State Park recreation info. Dam restricted zones stay off-limits. Soft current → bite only — modest outflow still washes bait along breaks; quieter periods push fish tighter to rock, wood, and creek-channel swings.

DAM END / MAIN LAKE ROCK

With ~70 cfs leaving the project, fish soft seams, secondary points, and the first major rock banks upstream of restricted water. Keep a safe buffer from the dam face. Smallmouth show on rock; largemouth hold wood and weed edges — especially Saturday morning after the cool night.

POHOPOCO ARM & PARK COVES

Christman Trail neighborhood and the Pohopoco arm fish a classic early-fall pattern: bait in the backs early, then sliding toward channel swings as the sun climbs. Friday's heat favors shade wood after 10 AM; Saturday's sun favors rock transitions; Sunday's clouds can keep fish shallower longer.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shared: Friday's warm dawn still wants a light shell for the first hour; PFDs on any wet rock after showers; dam restricted zones stay off-limits; verify Beltzville SP fees and hours live. Start on the **Christman Trail** day-use shoreline before picnic traffic, then rotate to posted banks along the **Pohopoco arm** and **main recreation area** where rock and wood meet walking water. Saturday's cool, dry morning is the banker's best window — walk a shadowed rock bank with a tube or Ned at first light, then slow a green-pumpkin creature along visible wood once the sun climbs. Sunday's soft shower risk favors a spinnerbait along stained pockets if rain stays light.

KAYAK

Launch the **main Beltzville SP ramp** or posted Pohopoco access for short paddles to rock points and cove swings without a long open-water crossing. On calm Saturday mornings, work the lee side with a $\frac{3}{8}$ -oz chatterbait or squarebill, then slide a small swimbait through bait showers if birds tip schools. Friday's west breeze and Sunday's east wind can chop the main lake — hug protected coves and give big boats the ski lanes after late morning.

BOAT

The **Beltzville State Park** main ramp puts you closest to classic fall transitions: main-lake points, rock banks, and the Pohopoco mouth where bait pulls bass. Idle the first hour on a topwater or waking bait along slicks — especially Saturday after the cool night — then slide to 8–18 ft on rock with a jerkbait or football jig as the sun climbs. Confirm USGS outflow if you plan the dam end; ~70 cfs is quiet but still moves bait on those last points. Weekend recreational traffic builds by late morning even without a trail blast-off, so protect the dawn idle.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (bone / chrome) over slicks

Buzzbait or popper on shaded banks

Popper at first light in calm pockets

MID

Suspending jerkbait (clear rock water)

$\frac{3}{8}$ – $\frac{1}{2}$ oz chatterbait (wind / stain)

3–4" swimbait on a jighead for bait schools

Spinnerbait (white/chart) under Sunday clouds

BOTTOM

Football or hybrid jig (green pumpkin / brown)

Ned / tube on rock transitions

Texas-rig creature in wood and docks

Dropshot when fish suspend off points

Stain / clear match: Darker profiles in creek mud after local showers; translucent smoke, shad, and green-pumpkin on clearer main-lake rock. Tie colors to baitfish and crawfish first.

● BASS LIFE STAGE

Early-fall transition on Beltzville. Cooler nights near 50°F and Saturday's dry cool-down should pull **smallmouth** onto rock points and keep **largemouth** honest around wood, docks, and cove edges. Fish are not on a winter deep stack yet — treat this as morning-shallow, midday-slide, with Friday's heat compressing dawn and Sunday's clouds stretching shallow activity. 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 week is **shad-class baitfish** and **young panfish** wherever birds tip you off, with **crawfish** on rock once the sun climbs, and **bluegill** still around shallow wood and docks. Start on baitfish imitators; keep a craw-colored jig ready for rock transitions midday.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

WALLEYE · HYBRID STRIPED BASS

Beltzville's mixed-bag traffic shows when bait balls tighten — keep a swimbait or spoon ready on main-lake points. Soft language only; confirm seasons and creel on the live PFBC page before you keep fish.

CRAPPIE · PANFISH

Crappie and panfish matter on brush and docks for mixed bags, especially low light Saturday dawn and Sunday's cloudy first hour. Same access rules as bass — legal bank and ramp water only.

CROWD / HEAVY TRAFFIC

No named Tri-State Bass Circuit, PA B.A.S.S. Nation, or PSBA trail event pulled for **Fri Oct 2 – Sun Oct 4** on Beltzville. Expect normal weekend recreational and camping traffic at Beltzville State Park — earlier launch still beats the picnic crowd by late morning Saturday.

Looking ahead (next 1–3 weeks): After Sunday's soft showers, NWS leans cooler and clearer early week (Monday high near 68°F, night near 41°F) — classic October mornings if nights stay crisp. No named trail blast-off pulled on this water for the next weekend at Friday pull — confirm live calendars before you plan. Next **Cast:** Monday window Mon–Wed.

PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · THIS WATER

Ethanol-free stations near the Kunkletown / Lehigh / Whitehall corridor (no pump prices).

Sunoco — Sunoco, 458 Interchange Rd, Kunkletown, PA (Ethanol-free SUNOCO 90)

Switchback Mini Mart — Switchback Mini Mart, 250 Amidon St, Summit Hill, PA (Ethanol-free VALERO 90)

Wawa Store #8014 — Wawa Store #8014, 2985 Macarthur Rd., Whitehall, PA (Ethanol-free WAWA 89)

J & N — J & N, 120 Broad St, Beaver Meadows, PA (Ethanol-free UNBRANDED 89)

Stations reused from Pure-Gas.org PA list for this water. Listings move — verify literal **E0** / ethanol-free grade at the pump. No pump prices in this **Cast**.

Sources: NWS Mount Holly (PHI) grid PHI 29,118 for the middle Pennsylvania corridor covering Beltzville · METAR KABE · USGS 01449790 pool, 01449800 Pohopoco · USACE Philadelphia / Beltzville SP · Pure-Gas.org ethanol-free directory · PFBC (live regs). Confirm outflow and the forecast before launch.

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