



FRESHWATER CAST · FRIDAY CAST · PENNSYLVANIA

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

Lake Arthur (Moraine State Park) · 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/outflow boards thin · Moraine SP failover

Weekend recreational · no named trail event pulled Fri–Sun

Moraine's weekend reservoir gets the early-October flip: a sticky Friday high near the low 80s with a late shower chance, then Saturday's sunny cool-down when nights dip near 50°F and the bike-trail banks finally feel like fall. Fish Route 528 and the marina neighborhood at dawn before walkers fill the park.

● 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, weed edges, and wood. Sunday's cooler, showery look favors a slower presentation and cloud-cover spinnerbait if rain stays light. Soft weekend recreational pressure expected at Moraine — **no named trail tournament pulled** for Fri–Sun on Lake Arthur.

FRIDAY OCT 2

~83°F

Low tonight ~52° · ~47% showers · W 0–10 mph

Partly sunny, then chance showers after 2 PM

Sunrise **7:18 AM** · Sunset **7:00 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 **7:19 AM** · Sunset **6:58 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 **7:20 AM** · Sunset **6:57 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 points and weed 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

Lake Arthur is a DCNR Moraine State Park reservoir with a recreation-first operating story. There is **no public hour-by-hour generator board**. Pool elevation and outflow boards were **thin** on the Friday-morning USGS pull for this water — honest thin, then failover. Soft bite notes by zone still apply at normal early-October park pool. Moraine's recreation calendar and ramp openings matter as much as any missing gage this weekend — verify live park notices if a ramp is gated for maintenance.

SOURCE	LIVE PULL (FRI OCT 2 MORNING ET)	WHAT IT MEANS THIS WEEKEND
Pool elevation USGS lake-elev board for Lake Arthur	Thin / not live on Friday-morning pull No instantaneous pool elev in the Friday USGS bundle	Treat shoreline weed, docks, and wood as normal early-October park pool until DCNR or USGS posts a live number. Confirm Moraine SP ramp notices before launch if levels matter to your trailer.
Outflow / dam release Moraine SP / dam release board	Thin / not live on Friday-morning pull No public unit schedule pulled	No public hour-by-hour release board for anglers. Fish the lake like a park reservoir — structure first — and fail over to DCNR Moraine notices if the dam neighborhood looks different than last trip.
Park / ramp failover DCNR Moraine State Park recreation	Live park notices · ramp hours Friday-morning Cast pull	Ramp openings and day-use hours drive access more than a missing gage this window. Check the live Moraine page for any temporary closures before you tow to Route 528 or the marina.

Failover before launch: DCNR Moraine State Park page · Moraine marina / ramp notices · USGS NWIS search for Lake Arthur if a gage returns. Dam restricted zones stay off-limits. Soft current → bite only when release is visible; otherwise treat as still-water weed and wood.

MARINA · ROUTE 528 SHORES

Where fishing is posted along the bike trail and Route 528 day-use shores, short casts to visible wood and weed pay before afternoon walkers arrive. Keep a safe buffer from any dam restricted water. Largemouth hold shade after 10 AM on Friday's heat; Saturday's cool morning favors covering the first light edge.

CREEK ARMS & MID-LAKE POINTS

Muddy Creek arms and secondary points 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 weed 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 Moraine SP fees and hours live. Start on the **Route 528** day-use shoreline before picnic and bike traffic, then rotate to posted banks near the **marina** and **Pleasant Valley** stretches where weed and wood meet walking water. Saturday's cool, dry morning is the banker's best window — walk a shadowed bank with a buzzbait or spinnerbait at first light, then slow a green-pumpkin creature or soft stick 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 **marina** or posted **Route 528** kayak access for short paddles to points and weed edges without fighting the whole main lake. 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 open water — hug protected arms and give big boats the main lanes after late morning.

BOAT

The **Moraine marina** and **Route 528** corridor put you closest to classic fall transitions: main-lake points, weed edges, and wood 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 6–14 ft on weed transitions with a jig or Texas-rig as the sun climbs. Confirm park ramp notices before launch; pool boards are thin this window. Weekend recreational and bike-trail traffic builds by late morning even without a trail blast-off, so protect the dawn idle.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait or popper on weed edges

Walking bait (bone / chrome) over slicks

Popper at first light in calm pockets

MID

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

Spinnerbait (white/chart) under Sunday clouds

Squarebill along wood

3–4" swimbait on a jighead for bait schools

BOTTOM

Texas-rig creature in weed and wood

Football or hybrid jig (green pumpkin / brown)

Ned / soft stick on harder points

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 weed. Tie colors to shad-class bait and crawfish first.

● BASS LIFE STAGE

Early-fall transition on Lake Arthur. Cooler nights near 50°F and Saturday's dry cool-down should keep **largemouth** honest around weed, wood, and docks, with **smallmouth** possible on harder points. 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 harder edges once the sun climbs, and **bluegill** still around shallow wood and docks. Start on shad imitators; keep a craw-colored jig ready for transitions midday.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

HYBRID STRIPED BASS · MUSKIES

Moraine's mixed-bag traffic shows when bait balls tighten — keep a swimbait 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 weed 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 Lake Arthur. Expect normal weekend recreational, camping, and bike-trail traffic at Moraine — 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 Portersville / New Castle corridor (no pump prices).

Dukes Sunoco — Dukes Sunoco, 2019 New Castle Rd, Portersville, PA (Ethanol-free SUNOCO 90)

Last Minit Mart 9 — Last Minit Mart 9, 1651 Perry Hwy, Portersville, PA (Ethanol-free CITGO 91)

Sheetz — Sheetz, Us 422 And Pa 388 (3208 Us 422), New Castle, PA (Ethanol-free SHEETZ 90)

Last Minit Mart — Last Minit Mart, 2335 Harlansburg Rd, New Castle, PA (Ethanol-free CITGO 87)

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 Lake Arthur · METAR KFKL / KPIT / KYNG · DCNR Moraine State Park · USGS NWIS (thin lake elev) · Pure-Gas.org ethanol-free directory · PFBC (live regs). Confirm park notices and the forecast before launch.

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