



FRESHWATER CAST · FRIDAY CAST · PENNSYLVANIA

Nockamixon: Hot Friday Storm Edge, Cool Dry Saturday & Soft Sunday Showers

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

Highs ~84° Fri → ~71° Sat → ~66° Sun (NWS PHI south band)

KRDG ~29.96 · KMDT ~29.95 inHg (Fri AM)

Pool elev thin · Tohickon @ Pipersville ~97 cfs failover

Weekend recreational · no named trail event pulled Fri–Sun

Philly day-trip Nockamixon gets the early-October flip: a sticky Friday high near the mid-80s with a late shower chance, then Saturday's crisp dry cool-down when nights dip into the low 50s and Haycock points finally feel like fall. Fish the marina neighborhood and Three Mile Run at dawn before weekend traffic.

● WEEKEND OUTLOOK

NWS Mount Holly (PHI) grid for the southern Pennsylvania corridor covering this water this Cast window (PHI 17,94), 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 **84°F**, west wind 0–15 mph, and a ~50% chance of rain showers after about 2 PM ET (under a tenth of an inch if they fire). Overnight low near **54°F** with a lingering shower chance before 10 PM. **Saturday** turns mostly sunny and fall-like — high near **71°F** / overnight low near **52°F**, light north wind around 5 mph, and dry. **Sunday** cools to near **66°F** under mostly cloudy skies, east wind 5–10 mph, and another ~50% shower chance after 8 AM (light). No active NWS watches or warnings at the Friday-morning pull. Nearby METARs around 7:10 AM ET Friday: **KRDG ~29.96** and **KMDT ~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 in the low 50s should pull bait and fish shallower on points, wood, and creek-mouth edges. Sunday's cooler, showery look favors a slower presentation and cloud-cover topwater or spinnerbait if rain stays light. Soft weekend recreational pressure expected at Nockamixon SP — **no named trail tournament pulled** for Fri–Sun on Nockamixon.

FRIDAY OCT 2

~84°F

Low tonight ~54° · ~50% showers · W 0–15 mph

Partly sunny, then late shower chance

Sunrise **6:58 AM** · Sunset **6:41 PM ET**

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

SATURDAY OCT 3

~71°F

Low ~52° · ~0% storms · N ~5 mph

Mostly sunny · clean cool-down day

Sunrise **6:59 AM** · Sunset **6:39 PM ET**

Best bite: dawn through mid-morning on points and creek mouths; midday rock transitions 8–18 ft

SUNDAY OCT 4

~66°F

Low ~54° · ~50% showers · E 5–10 mph

Mostly cloudy with soft shower chances

Sunrise **7:00 AM** · Sunset **6:37 PM ET**

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

BITE TIE-IN

Cool nights into the low 50s plus Saturday's dry high = morning bass on points and wood 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

Nockamixon is a DCNR state-park reservoir on the Tohickon Creek system. There is **no public hour-by-hour generator board**. Pool elevation boards were **thin** on the Friday USGS pull — honest thin, then failover to the Tohickon Creek gage below the project and park notices. Tohickon near Pipersville at ~97 cfs sketches the creek system; pool elev stays thin, so lean on park notices at the dam face.

SOURCE	LIVE PULL (FRI OCT 2 MORNING ET)	WHAT IT MEANS THIS WEEKEND
Tohickon Creek below / near Pipersville USGS 01459500 Tohickon Creek near Pipersville, PA	~97 cfs · gage ~1.86 ft ~7:15 AM ET Oct 2	Useful downstream/context flow for the Tohickon system — modest, not a flood flush. Confirm park dam notices before you bank on heavy current at the dam end.
Pool elevation DCNR / USGS Nockamixon pool elev board	Thin / not live on Friday-morning pull No instantaneous pool elev in the Friday USGS bundle	Treat shoreline wood and points as normal early-October park pool until DCNR posts a live number. Confirm Nockamixon SP ramp notices before launch.
Park / ramp failover DCNR Nockamixon State Park	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 Nockamixon SP page for any temporary closures before you tow to the marina.

Failover before launch: USGS 01459500 · DCNR Nockamixon State Park page · park dam/ramp notices. Dam restricted zones stay off-limits. Soft current → bite only when release is visible; otherwise treat as still-water wood and points.

MARINA / DAM NEIGHBORHOOD

Fish soft seams, secondary points, and the first major wood banks upstream of restricted water. Keep a safe buffer from the dam face. Largemouth traffic often shows where bait stacks along wood — especially Saturday morning after the cool night.

HAYCOCK · THREE MILE RUN

Haycock and Three Mile Run 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 point 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 Nockamixon SP fees and hours live. Start on the **marina-adjacent** public shore before picnic traffic, then rotate to **Haycock** and posted **Three Mile Run** banks where wood and points 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 **Three Mile Run** kayak access for short paddles to 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 wind and Sunday's east breeze can chop the main lake — hug protected arms and give big boats the marina lanes after late morning.

BOAT

The **Nockamixon marina** and **Haycock** corridor put you closest to classic fall transitions: main-lake points, wood, and creek mouths 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 8–16 ft on points with a jerkbait or football jig as the sun climbs. Confirm park notices before launch; pool boards are thin this window. 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

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

Spinnerbait (white/chart) under Sunday clouds

Suspending jerkbait on clear points

3–4" swimbait on a jighead for bait schools

BOTTOM

Texas-rig creature in wood and docks

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

● BASS LIFE STAGE

Early-fall transition on Nockamixon. Cooler nights into the low 50s and Saturday's dry cool-down should keep **largemouth** honest around wood, docks, and points, with **smallmouth** possible on harder 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 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

Nockamixon'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 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 Nockamixon. Expect normal weekend recreational and camping traffic at Nockamixon SP — 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 the upper 60s, night in the low 40s) — 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 Coopersburg / Route 309 corridor (no pump prices).

Scott Powersports — Scott Powersports, 1675 Rt 309, Coopersburg, PA (Ethanol-free VP RACING 94 96 100)

Sunoco — Sunoco, 308 N 3rd St, Coopersburg, PA (Ethanol-free SUNOCO 90)

Sunoco — Sunoco, 308 N 3rd St, 18036, PA (Ethanol-free SUNOCO 90)

Wawa #8126 — Wawa #8126, 6680 N Pa-309, Coopersburg, PA (Ethanol-free WAWA 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 17,94 for the southern Pennsylvania corridor covering Nockamixon · METAR KABE / KRDG · USGS 01459500 Tohickon · DCNR Nockamixon State Park · Pure-Gas.org ethanol-free directory · PFBC (live regs). Confirm park notices and the forecast before launch.

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