



FRESHWATER CAST · FRIDAY CAST · PENNSYLVANIA

Pymatuning: Friday Shower Edge, Crisp Sunny Saturday & Cool Partly Sunny Sunday

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

Highs ~74° Fri → ~65° Sat → ~62° Sun (NWS BGM north band)

KAVP ~29.94 · KBFD ~29.93 · KERI ~29.96 inHg (Fri AM)

Pymatuning Dam ~135 cfs (Fri AM) · pool elev thin

Weekend recreational · no named trail event pulled Fri–Sun

October opens cooler on the PA–OH border reservoir — Friday's mid-70s and afternoon shower likely softens any leftover heat, Saturday's sunny mid-60s with nights in the mid-40s finally feel like fall weed-edge fishing, and Sunday stays cool and manageable. Fish Espyville and Linesville weed lines at dawn, then let the cool-down pull bait onto points.

● WEEKEND OUTLOOK

NWS Binghamton (BGM) grid for the northern Pennsylvania corridor covering this water this Cast window (BGM 89,38), pulled Friday morning, sets up a cooler early-October flip: one unsettled Friday, then a crisp dry cool-down. **Friday** runs mostly cloudy with a high near **74°F**, west wind 7–12 mph, and rain showers likely after about 1 PM ET (~62% chance; light totals). Overnight low near **47°F** with leftover shower chances early evening. **Saturday** turns sunny and fall-like — high near **65°F** / overnight low near **45°F**, light north wind around 6 mph, and dry (patchy fog possible Saturday night). **Sunday** stays cool near **62°F** under partly sunny skies, southeast wind 2–9 mph, and only a soft ~11% shower chance. No active NWS watches or warnings at the Friday-morning pull. Nearby METARs around 7:10 AM ET Friday: **KAVP ~29.94**, **KBFD ~29.93**, and **KERI ~29.96 inHg** — a firm high.

For black bass: protect Friday's first light before the shower risk builds after 1 PM, then lean into Saturday's cool, dry morning when nights in the mid-40s should pull bait and fish shallower on weed edges, points, and timber. Sunday's partly sunny cool look favors a steady mid-depth grind.

Soft weekend recreational pressure expected at Espyville and Linesville — **no named trail tournament pulled** for Fri–Sun on Pymatuning. PA-side focus for this Cast; Ohio shore is reciprocal awareness only.

FRIDAY OCT 2

~74°F

Low tonight ~47° · ~62% showers · W 7–12 mph

Mostly cloudy, then rain showers likely after 1 PM

Sunrise **7:20 AM** · Sunset **7:01 PM ET**

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

SATURDAY OCT 3

~65°F

Low ~45° · ~0% storms · N ~6 mph

Sunny · clean cool-down day

Sunrise **7:21 AM** · Sunset **6:59 PM ET**

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

SUNDAY OCT 4

~62°F

Low ~51° · ~11% showers · SE 2–9 mph

Partly sunny · soft shower risk low

Sunrise **7:22 AM** · Sunset **6:58 PM ET**

Best bite: cool low-light windows; steady grind; protect any clear dawn pocket

BITE TIE-IN

Cool nights into the mid-40s plus Saturday's dry high = morning bass on weed edges and points where bait marks, then a midday slide as the sun climbs. Friday's showers compress the dawn window and can stain shallow pockets; Sunday's partly sunny cool stretch favors a spinnerbait or chatterbait along remaining green. Keep a shad-profile soft bait ready when birds tip schools along the main lake.

● DAM & CURRENT / GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

Pymatuning is a PFBC / DCNR–managed border reservoir with recreation and water-supply priorities on both the Pennsylvania and Ohio shores. There is **no public hour-by-hour unit board** for anglers. Pool elevation boards were **thin** on the Friday-morning USGS pull — honest thin, then failover to the Pymatuning Dam outflow gage and park recreation notices. Soft bite notes by zone still apply at normal early-October pool.

SOURCE	LIVE PULL (FRI OCT 2 MORNING ET)	WHAT IT MEANS THIS WEEKEND
Outflow / Pymatuning Dam USGS 03101500 Shenango River at Pymatuning Dam, PA	~ 135 cfs · gage ~4.96 ft ~6:45 AM ET Oct 2	Quiet release into the Shenango corridor — not a flush. Expect soft current near the dam/spillway neighborhood; main-lake weed and timber still fish as a reservoir pattern. Confirm outflow before you bank on a dead-still morning near restricted water.
Pool elevation USGS / PFBC Pymatuning pool elev board	Thin / not live on Friday-morning pull No instantaneous pool elev in the Friday USGS bundle	Treat shoreline weed, docks, and timber as normal early-October park pool until PFBC/DCNR or USGS posts a live number. Ramps at Espyville and Linesville should fish “normal pool” unless a park notice says otherwise.
Corridor context USGS 03103500 Shenango River at Sharpsville, PA	~ 190 cfs · gage ~2.44 ft ~6:45 AM ET Oct 2	Downstream Sharpsville stays modest — the Shenango corridor is not pushing hard. Main-lake Pymatuning remains a weed/wood story this weekend.

Failover before launch: USGS 03101500 · PFBC Pymatuning / Espyville recreation notices · DCNR park pages. Dam and spillway restricted zones stay off-limits. Soft current → bite only — quiet release still washes bait along breaks near the dam end; quieter pockets push fish tighter to weed edges and timber.

DAM / ESPYVILLE END

With ~135 cfs leaving the project, fish soft seams, secondary points, and the first major weed edges upstream of restricted water. Keep a safe buffer from the dam and spillway. Largemouth traffic often shows where bait stacks along green edges — especially Saturday morning after the cool night.

LINESVILLE · JAMESTOWN ARMS

Linesville, Jamestown, and the broader PA weed flats fish a classic early-fall pattern: bait in the backs early, then sliding toward channel swings and thicker mats as the sun climbs. Friday's showers favor covering stain lines; Saturday's sun favors shade weed after 10 AM; Sunday's cool partly sunny look can keep fish shallower longer.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shared: Friday's shower risk wants a light shell after midday; PFDs on any wet rock; dam and spillway restricted zones stay off-limits on both PA and OH shores. Start on the **Espyville** day-use and public shoreline before picnic traffic, then rotate to **Linesville** and posted **Jamestown** bank-access stretches where weed and wood meet walking water. Saturday's cool, dry morning is the banker's best window — walk a shadowed weed edge with a buzzbait or spinnerbait at first light, then slow a black/blue creature or Texas-rig along visible timber once the sun climbs. Sunday's cool partly sunny look favors a chatterbait along remaining green if wind puts a ripple on the flat.

KAYAK

Launch **Espyville** or **Linesville** for short paddles to weed points and timber without a long open-water crossing. On calm Saturday mornings, work the lee side of the arm 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 any shower chop can rough the main lake — hug protected weed banks and give big boats the main Espyville lanes after late morning.

BOAT

Espyville and **Linesville** put you closest to classic fall transitions: main-lake weed edges, points, and timber where shad-class 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 USGS outflow if you plan the dam end; ~135 cfs is quiet but still moves bait on those last edges. Weekend recreational traffic builds by late morning even without a trail blast-off, so protect the dawn idle. PA-side launch focus for this Cast.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait or popper on weed edges

Walking bait (bone / chart) over slicks

Popper at first light in calm pockets

MID

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

Spinnerbait (white/chart) under clouds

Squarebill along timber

3–4" swimbait on a jighead for bait schools

BOTTOM

Texas-rig creature in weed and timber

Football or hybrid jig (black/blue / green pumpkin)

Ned / soft stick on harder edges

Dropshot when fish suspend off points

Stain / clear match: Darker profiles in stained pockets after Friday 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 Pymatuning. Cooler nights into the mid-40s and Saturday's dry cool-down should keep **largemouth** honest around weed, timber, and points, with **smallmouth** possible on rockier main-lake edges. Fish are not on a winter deep stack yet — treat this as morning-shallow, midday-slide, with Friday's showers compressing dawn and Sunday's cool light 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 and surface showers tip you off, with **crawfish** on harder edges once the sun climbs, and **bluegill** still around shallow weed and docks. Start on shad imitators; keep a craw-colored jig ready for transitions midday.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

WALLEYE · MUSKIES

Pymatuning's mixed-bag reputation holds when bait balls tighten — keep a trolled crank or soft swimbait ready on main-lake edges. 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 edges for mixed bags, especially low light Saturday dawn and Sunday's cool 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 Pymatuning. Expect normal weekend recreational and camping traffic at Espyville and Linesville — earlier launch still beats the picnic crowd by late morning Saturday. PA-side product; Ohio reciprocal awareness.

Looking ahead (next 1–3 weeks): After Sunday's cool partly sunny look, NWS leans cooler and clearer early week (Monday high near 61°F, night in the upper 30s) — 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 Jamestown / Linesville / Conneaut Lake corridor (no pump prices).

B P Station — B P Station, 111 Liberty St, Jamestown, PA (Ethanol-free BP 91)

Country Fair — Country Fair, 122 Penn St., Linesville, PA (Ethanol-free CITGO 90)

Harned Oil — Harned Oil, 10470 Pymatuning Ave, Conneaut Lake, PA (Ethanol-free UNBRANDED 90)

Country Fair — Country Fair, 14 Hadley Rd., Greenville, PA (Ethanol-free CITGO 91)

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 Binghamton (BGM) grid BGM 89,38 for the northern Pennsylvania corridor covering Pymatuning · METAR KAVP / KBFD / KERI · USGS 03101500 Pymatuning Dam, 03103500 Sharpsville · PFBC / DCNR Pymatuning · Pure-Gas.org ethanol-free directory · PFBC (live regs). Confirm outflow and the forecast before launch.

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