



FRESHWATER CAST · FRIDAY CAST · PENNSYLVANIA

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

Lake Wallenpaupack · 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)

Pool elev thin · Lackawaxen @ Hawley ~154 cfs failover

Weekend recreational · no named trail event pulled Fri–Sun

Wallenpaupack's tourism lake gets a cooler early-October weekend — Friday's mid-70s and afternoon shower likely, then Saturday's sunny mid-60s with nights in the mid-40s when Poconos rock finally feels like fall. Fish Tafton and Ledge Dale points at dawn before weekend boat wake fills the main lake.

● 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 rock points and ledges. Sunday's partly sunny cool look favors a steady mid-depth grind. Soft weekend recreational pressure expected — but this is still a tourism lake, so protect dawn. **No named trail tournament pulled** for Fri–Sun on Wallenpaupack.

FRIDAY OCT 2

~74°F

Low tonight ~47° · ~62% showers · W 7–12 mph
Mostly cloudy, then rain showers likely after 1 PM

Sunrise **6:59 AM** · Sunset **6:40 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 **7:00 AM** · Sunset **6:39 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 **7:01 AM** · Sunset **6:37 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 rock points and ledges where bait marks, then a midday slide as the sun climbs. Friday's showers compress the dawn window; Sunday's cool light favors a tube or dropshot if fish slide deeper. Keep a shad-profile soft bait ready when birds tip schools along main-lake walls. Watch afternoon boat wake on this tourism lake.

● DAM & CURRENT / GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

Lake Wallenpaupack is a Brookfield Renewable / utility storage lake with recreation managed alongside power releases. There is **no public hour-by-hour unit board** published for anglers. Pool elevation boards were **thin** on the Friday USGS pull — honest thin, then failover to downstream Lackawaxen gages and the Wilsonville dam notices. Downstream Lackawaxen at Hawley (~154 cfs) is your honest release context while pool elev boards stay thin — confirm Wilsonville notices if you fish the dam end.

SOURCE	LIVE PULL (FRI OCT 2 MORNING ET)	WHAT IT MEANS THIS WEEKEND
Pool elevation Wallenpaupack pool elev board	Thin / not live on Friday-morning pull No instantaneous pool elev in the Friday USGS bundle	Treat shoreline rock as normal early-October tourism-lake pool until Brookfield / lake pages post a live number. Confirm Wilsonville / lake notices before launch if levels matter to your ramp.
Downstream Lackawaxen @ Hawley USGS 01431500 Lackawaxen River at Hawley, PA	~154 cfs · gage ~2.01 ft ~7:15 AM ET Oct 2	Useful release-context flow below the project — modest, not a flush. Soft current story near the dam end if Wilsonville is passing water; main-lake rock still fishes as a reservoir pattern.
Lake / dam failover Wilsonville dam notices · lake recreation pages	Live notices · ramp hours Friday-morning Cast pull	Wilsonville and lake recreation pages drive access when pool elev boards are thin. Check live notices before you bank on a specific dam-end pattern.

Failover before launch: USGS 01431500 · Wilsonville / Brookfield lake notices · Lake Wallenpaupack recreation info. Dam restricted zones stay off-limits. Soft current → bite only when release is visible; otherwise treat as still-water rock and points.

WILSONVILLE / DAM END

If Wilsonville is passing water, fish soft seams and the first major rock points upstream of restricted water. Keep a safe buffer from the dam face. Smallmouth traffic often shows where bait stacks — especially Saturday morning after the cool night.

TAFTON · LEDGEDALE · MID-LAKE

Tafton, Ledgedale, and mid-lake rock points fish a classic early-fall pattern: bait on points early, then sliding toward deeper ledges as the sun climbs. Friday's showers favor covering water; Saturday's sun favors deeper rock after 10 AM; Sunday's cool light can keep fish shallower on protected banks. Watch afternoon boat wake on this tourism lake.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shared: Friday's shower risk wants a light shell after midday; PFDs on wet rock; dam restricted zones stay off-limits. Start on posted **Tafton** day-use shoreline before picnic traffic, then rotate to **Ledgedale** and other posted public banks where rock meets 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 dropshot or small swimbait along visible ledges once the sun climbs. Sunday's cool partly sunny look favors covering water with a spinnerbait if wind puts a ripple on the bank.

KAYAK

Launch **Tafton** or **Ledgedale** for short paddles to rock points and ledges without a long open-water crossing. On calm Saturday mornings, work the lee side with a $\frac{3}{8}$ -oz chatterbait or tube, 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 coves and give big boats the main tourism lanes after late morning.

BOAT

Tafton and **Ledgedale** put you closest to classic fall transitions: main-lake points, rock walls, and ledges where bait pulls smallmouth. Idle the first hour on a topwater or waking bait along slicks — especially Saturday after the cool night — then slide to 8–20 ft on rock with a tube, jerkbait, or football jig as the sun climbs. Confirm Wilsonville notices if you plan the dam end; Lackawaxen context is ~154 cfs. Weekend tourism 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 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 clouds

BOTTOM

Tube or Ned on rock transitions

Football or hybrid jig (green pumpkin / brown)

Dropshot when fish suspend off points

Texas-rig creature in wood and cove mouths

Stain / clear match: Darker profiles in stained pockets after Friday 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 Wallenpaupack. Cooler nights into the mid-40s and Saturday's dry cool-down should pull **smallmouth** onto rock points and ledges and keep **largemouth** honest around wood and cove 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 tip you off, with **crawfish** on rock once the sun climbs, and **bluegill** still around shallow wood. Start on baitfish imitators; keep a craw-colored tube ready for rock transitions midday.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

WALLEYE · HYBRID STRIPED BASS

Wallenpaupack's mixed-bag reputation holds when bait balls tighten — keep a trolled crank or soft swimbait ready on main-lake walls. Soft language only; confirm seasons and creel on the live PFBC page before you keep fish.

CRAPPIE · PANFISH

Crappie and panfish matter on brush 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 Wallenpaupack. Expect normal weekend tourism and recreational traffic — earlier launch still beats the boat-wake crowd by late morning Saturday.

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. Confirm Wilsonville notices before any midweek dam-end plan. Next **Cast:** Monday window Mon–Wed.

PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · THIS WATER

Ethanol-free stations near the Tafton / Hawley / Honesdale corridor (no pump prices).

507 Country Store — 507 Country Store, 288 Rt 507, Tafton, PA (Ethanol-free CITGO 91)

Hawley Sunoco — Hawley Sunoco, 2541 Route 6, Hawley, PA (Ethanol-free SUNOCO 90)

Highhouse Energy — Highhouse Energy, 466 Hamlin Hwy, Hamlin, PA (Ethanol-free SUNOCO 90)

Kellam's Service — Kellam's Service, 300 Willow Ave, Honesdale, PA (Ethanol-free GULF 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 Wallenpaupack · METAR KAVP · USGS 01431500 Lackawaxen at Hawley · Brookfield / Wilsonville lake notices · Pure-Gas.org ethanol-free directory · PFBC (live regs). Confirm lake notices and the forecast before launch.

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