



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Lake Murray: Midweek Patterns & Largemouth bass Focus

Monday Sep 21 – Thursday Sep 24, 2026 · Lake Murray · bank, kayak & boat · Monday morning through Thursday evening · times ET

No named trail event verified Mon–Thu

Highs Monday ~89°, Tuesday ~87°, Wednesday ~77°, Thursday ~72°

Soft recreational pressure

Primary: Largemouth bass

For Lake Murray, lead with **Largemouth bass** this window — match forage first, then work bank/kayak/boat around wind and any posted flow.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS land forecast near Lexington / Newberry / Saluda / Richland, SC (pulled Sun Sep 20, 2026 · ~9:45 PM ET). Local clock on the water: **ET**. Pattern notes below use day cards from the NWS grid — do not treat as a marina thermometer.

Drafted Sun Sep 20, 2026 · ~8:45 PM CT (CT bot clock) · reader times **ET**. Heat/storm cells: hydrate and sit out lightning.

MONDAY

~89°F

Low ~74° · Patchy Fog then Mostly Sunny

Wind 2 mph S

Best bite: Win cool morning windows; adjust around midday heat / cells

Re-check NWS radar before afternoon plans (ET)

Patchy fog before 8am. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. South wind around 2 mph.

TUESDAY

~87°F

Low ~72° · Mostly Sunny then Chance Showers And Thunderstorms

Wind 1 to 5 mph N

Best bite: Win cool morning windows; adjust around midday heat / cells

Re-check NWS radar before afternoon plans (ET)

A chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. North wind 1 to 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible.

WEDNESDAY

~77°F

Low ~66° · Chance Showers And Thunderstorms

Wind 7 to 10 mph NE

Best bite: Win cool morning windows; adjust around midday heat / cells

Re-check NWS radar before afternoon plans (ET)

A chance of rain showers before 11am, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 11am and 2pm, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New rainfall amounts less than a tenth of an inch possible.

THURSDAY

~72°F

Low ~63° · Chance Rain Showers

Wind 12 mph NE

Best bite: Win cool morning windows; adjust around midday heat / cells

Re-check NWS radar before afternoon plans (ET)

A chance of rain showers before 2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 72. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

● DAM & CURRENT / FLOW CHEAT SHEET

Dominion / SCE&G pool — generator schedule not fully captured at gather; re-check lake app / board before launch. USGS Broad River proxy at gather: ~1,250 cfs / 4.56 ft (not pool elev).

Schedules change — verify agency boards before you go. No invented MW/cfs.

● HOW TO FISH IT

BANK

Multiple public ramps around Lexington/Irmo corridor — pick based on wind. Work shaded edges and wind-blown banks in the morning; mid-day prioritize cover you can reach without long wades in heat.

KAYAK

Quiet water advantage on pressure days. Focus primary-species edges; use a drift sock if afternoon wind builds.

BOAT

Idle zones and ramp traffic: soft recreational only unless a named event appears on re-check. Keep blast-off lanes clear on shared reservoirs.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait / popper at dawn

Buzz toad on weed edges

Match baitfish chrome/bone

MID

Squarebill or spinnerbait on wind

Soft jerkbait for suspended fish

Shad-pattern crank

BOTTOM

Texas-rig creature / worm

Ned or shaky on clear rock

Football jig green-pumpkin

Tune colors to stain vs clear on this water; primary species = Largemouth bass.

● LIFE STAGE · WHAT'S ON THE MENU

Primary: Largemouth bass. Early-fall transition window — fish sliding from summer shade toward bait-driven edges as nights cool.

What's on the menu: Threadfin/gizzard shad primary; bluegill on docks; crawfish on rock.

Also on this water: Striped bass / hybrids, crappie, catfish

● HEAVY TRAFFIC / CROWD

Mon–Thu Sep 21–24: No named trail tournament verified for this product at gather. Soft recreational / weekday traffic only. Looking ahead 1–3 weeks: re-check SCDNR / RI DEM / trail calendars before weekend plans.

Never invent boat counts. Holiday note: none in this midweek window.

ETHANOL-FREE FUEL NEAR THIS WATER

Pure-Gas.org E0 listings for South Carolina — pull **2–4 closest** stations to this pin before launch: pure-gas.org.

Current prices: live pump overlay not captured at this gather (Pure-Gas pages returned thin/JS shells). Label: Current prices (as of Sun Sep 20, 2026 · ~9:45 PM ET) — may change; verify at the pump. Do not invent prices.

Crowdsourced E0 lists move; call ahead for ethanol-free. Not a guarantee.

● LOOKING AHEAD

Next 1–3 weeks: watch for cool nights shifting primary species deeper or onto bait schools; re-check generator boards on USACE/Duke/Santee waters; scan trail calendars for weekend Heavy Traffic.

● SOURCES

NWS API forecast grids · SCDNR / USACE Savannah / Duke / Santee Cooper public lake pages · Pure-Gas.org · Freshwater Cast gold norms. Schedules and prices change — re-check before launch.

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