



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Lewis & Clark (SD shore): Flat Gavins Point release — fall baitfish push

Monday Sep 21 – Thursday Sep 24, 2026 · Lewis and Clark Lake (SD–NE) · Gavins Point · bank, kayak & boat · Monday morning through Thursday evening focus · times CT

Window Mon–Thu CT

Primary: walleye

Gen boards thin Mon–Thu

Near-matched inflow/outflow at Gavins Point. SD home-shore product — NE peer share, no duplicate full Cast.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

****NWS**** pin forecast for Lewis and Clark Lake (pulled Sun Sep 20 ~8:45–8:55 PM CT). Monday reads ****Rain Showers**** (~58°F); Thursday trends ****Chance Showers And Thunderstorms**** (~68°F). All clock times ****CT****.

Barometer: KYKN baro blank at pull (not invented). Clarity unconfirmed — do not invent stain. SD home-shore pin; NE peer when live — one writer/share.

WINDOW

Mon–Thu

through Thu evening CT

PRIMARY

walleye

localized — not bass-by-default

CROWD / PRESSURE

Weekday recreational soft Mon–Thu after residual weekend traffic Monday.

No named trail event

pulled for this window on this water — re-check local clubs before launch.

MONDAY

High ~58°F / night ~50°F **CT** · 10 mph ENE · PoP ~93%

Rain Showers

Primary **walleye**: fish weather pauses and forage edges — not a bass-by-default week.

TUESDAY

High ~62°F / night ~51°F **CT** · 5 to 10 mph E · PoP ~2%

Partly Sunny

Primary **walleye**: fish weather pauses and forage edges — not a bass-by-default week.

WEDNESDAY

High ~66°F / night ~54°F **CT** · 10 to 15 mph SE · PoP ~22%

Partly Sunny then Slight Chance Rain Showers

Primary **walleye**: fish weather pauses and forage edges — not a bass-by-default week.

THURSDAY

High ~68°F / night ~57°F **CT** · 10 to 15 mph SSE · PoP ~54%

Chance Showers And Thunderstorms

Primary **walleye**: fish weather pauses and forage edges — not a bass-by-default week.

Verify local CT sunrise/sunset at pin (~7:05–7:10 AM CT class Monday Pierre/Watertown corridor). All Cast times CT.

● GENERATOR / POOL CHEAT SHEET

Live **USACE Missouri River Basin Water Management** board pulled **2026-09-20 ~8:13 PM CT** (https://www.nwd-mr.usace.army.mil/rcc/reports/pdfs/MRBWM_Reservoir.pdf). Sunday elev/inflow/release only — **Mon–Thu hourly unit blocks not on this bulletin**; soft re-check language.

LAKE	SUN OBSERVED	INFLOW / RELEASE	NOTES
Gavins Point Dam (Lewis and Clark Lake)	Elev **1207.48 ft** (Δ +0.08)	In ~27,000 cfs · out ~27,000 cfs	MP ~100.0% · re-check before launch

USACE MISSOURI · GAVINS POINT DAM

Primary story: **walleye**.

Secondaries: smallmouth bass, white bass, sauger.

FAILOVER

Re-check USACE/USBR/
NWS boards before launch
— Sunday numbers age
fast.

Schedules change without notice — re-check USACE / USBR / NWS before launch.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Yankton / SD home-shore public access: dawn/dusk walleye with live bait or slow jig.

Skip Gavins Point Dam restricted zones — USACE signs; NE border awareness without rewriting as NE product.

SD shore primary — NE peer share rule; one writer this cycle.

Wind-blown banks after showers if safe; watch slick ramps after Monday rain.

Near-matched Gavins Point in/out on Sun board — fish forage and wind, soft-check releases.

Verify SD ramp fees and conditions live.

KAYAK

SD shoreline seams and rock transitions away from dam boil.

First light~9 AM CT; re-check Gavins Point board before midday.

Midweek wind on Lewis and Clark stacks chop — PFD and bail plan.

Sauger/walleye honest dual language near the tailwater system — still species-honest.

Avoid restricted discharge water when units are online.

Soft recreational midweek; weekend leftovers Monday.

BOAT

Graph bait along SD shore breaks; follow birds to find walleye under whites.

Launch Yankton-area SD ramps early; re-pull Gavins Point elev/in/out.

Near-matched Sun in/out — do not invent peaking drama; soft re-check only.

Evening points when wind lays; distance from boil.

Clarity unconfirmed — natural/chrome first.

Shared-water note: SD home-shore; NE peer when live — no duplicate full Cast.

● LURE BOX — TOP / MID / BOTTOM

TOP

Small buzz/walker only if bait is breaking — otherwise skip topwater.

Long-bomb crank only on rare calm windows.

Whites/SMB may crash bait — keep one reaction rod ready.

MID

Shad-profile cranks and swimbaits along windward breaks.

Spinner harness + crawler where effective.

Hair jig or soft plastic on rock for SMB bycatch.

BOTTOM

Jig + minnow/plastic on points and river channel edges.

Live-bait rig off the break as nights cool.

Blade bait / hair jig when wind stands fish up.

Stain/clear: Clarity unconfirmed at pull — start natural/chrome and darken only if you see stain.

● LIFE STAGE + WHAT'S ON THE MENU

****Late summer → early fall transition.**** Cooler nights pulling ****walleye**** toward breaks and bait schools. Residual mild afternoons Wednesday–Thursday.

****What's on the menu**** (seasonal, not a dated hatch): YOY shad/minnows on mainstem; perch and invertebrates on glacial lakes. Match profile — do not invent a hatch date.

● ETHANOL-FREE FUEL NEAR THIS WATER

PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · NEAR THIS WATER

Source: [Pure-Gas.org](https://pure-gas.org) pulled Sun Sep 20, 2026 ~8:55 PM CT. **Current prices — may change; verify at the pump.**

Shell Station, 3703 W 8th St, Yankton, SD — ~2.9 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free SHELL 87; GPS entered by galenprice not listed — verify at pump

Riverside Pump N' Stuff, 3708 W 8th St, Yankton, SD — ~3.3 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free UNBRANDED 91; GPS located from addressprice not listed — verify at pump

Trlple Time Rudy's, 1606 Broadway St, Yankton, SD — ~5.8 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free UNBRANDED 87 91; GPS located from addressprice not listed — verify at pump

Yankton Sd, 2118 N Broadway, Yankton, SD — ~6.0 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free HY-VEE 87 91; GPS located from addressprice not listed — verify at pump

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- smallmouth bass — honest secondary this week
- white bass — honest secondary this week
- sauger — honest secondary this week
- Regs: [SD GFP Fishing](#) live-check only — do not hardcode inches/creel.

Regs: live-check only — never hardcode length/creel in **Cast** text.

Looking ahead (1–3 weeks): Cooler nights deepen fall bait/walleye patterns into late September. Looking ahead 1–3 weeks: watch SD GFP reports and any late-season trail announcements — none pulled for this Cast window.

Sources: NWS api.weather.gov forecast+obs · USACE MRBWM Reservoir bulletin 2026-09-20 ~8:13 PM CT · Pure-Gas.org E0 POI CSV · SD GFP regs live-check only · Drafted Sun Sep 20, 2026 ~8:55 PM CT

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