



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Oahe (SD): Cool wet Monday — walleye & SMB on a falling September pool

Monday Sep 21 – Thursday Sep 24, 2026 · Lake Oahe — SD reach (Pierre / Mobridge focus) · bank, kayak & boat · Monday morning through Thursday evening focus · times CT

Window Mon–Thu CT

Primary: walleye

Gen boards thin Mon–Thu

Mainstem still releasing harder than it takes in — fish the SD reach with current and a soft midweek storm window.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

****NWS**** pin forecast for Lake Oahe (SD) (pulled Sun Sep 20 ~8:45–8:55 PM CT). Monday reads ****Rain Showers Likely**** (~61°F); Thursday trends ****Partly Sunny**** (~76°F). All clock times ****CT****.

Barometer: KPIR baro ~30.13 in, air ~57°F at pull. Clarity unconfirmed — do not invent stain. SD-focus product; ND peer may list north reach — one writer this cycle.

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 ~61°F / night ~46°F **CT** · 10 to 14 mph
ENE · PoP ~59%

Rain Showers Likely

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

TUESDAY

High ~65°F / night ~51°F **CT** · 12 to 21 mph
SE · PoP ~1%

Partly Sunny

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

WEDNESDAY

High ~71°F / night ~55°F **CT** · 26 mph SSE ·
PoP ~22%

Slight Chance Rain Showers

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

THURSDAY

High ~76°F / night ~55°F **CT** · 7 to 13 mph
SSE · PoP ~6%

Partly Sunny

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
Oahe Dam	Elev **1592.32 ft** (Δ -0.08)	In ~17,000 cfs · out ~21,500 cfs	MP ~77.3% · re-check before launch

USACE MISSOURI · OAHE DAM

Primary story: **walleye**.
Secondaries: smallmouth bass, white bass, northern pike.

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

Farm Island / Pierre–Fort
Pierre riprap and public
points: dawn/dusk walleye
first with live bait or a slow jig.

Skip Oahe Dam restricted
zones — USACE signs live-
check; never walk active
discharge banks.

Wind-blown banks after
Monday showers if safe;
slippery clay launches need
careful footing.

SD-focus product — ND
north reach is peer share, not
this Cast's identity.

Cooler midweek nights help
walleye; expand morning
window Wednesday–Thursday
CT.

Verify park fees and ramp
conditions live before you
commit the trailer.

KAYAK

Parallel rock transitions and
current seams on the SD
reach; stake lightly midday as
fish slide deeper.

Avoid dam discharge boil;
paddle-advanced only when
releases are soft.

First light–~9 AM CT; re-check
USACE Oahe board (Sun
release > inflow — soft re-
check Mon–Thu).

Midweek SW winds stack
chop on big water — PFD,
bail plan, no lightning on
open Oahe.

Graph bait under birds; whites
advertise shad, walleye often
sit under.

Tow rope and whistle; big-
water September kayak is not
casual.

BOAT

Graph bait and follow birds/
white-bass boils to find
walleye underneath on points
and channel edges.

Launch Pierre/Farm Island
corridor early; midweek
recreational soft after
weekend leftovers Monday.

Re-pull MRBWM/Oahe
numbers before midday —
Sunday elev/in/out age fast;
no invented hourly unit
blocks.

Lead-core or snap-weights
along breaks if wind allows;
blade bait when wind stands
fish up.

Evening revisit shallow shade/
rock when wind lays down;
spotters near any generation
boil.

Clarity unconfirmed — start
natural/chrome and darken
only if stain shows.

● 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
swimbait 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.**

Cowboy Country Store, 620 N. Euclid Ave., Pierre, SD — ~5.7 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free SINCLAIR 87 91; GPS located from address price not listed — verify at pump

Caseys, 1201 Yellowstone St, Fort Pierre, SD — ~5.8 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free CASEY'S 87; GPS Located from address price not listed — verify at pump

D J's Clark, 507 W Sioux Ave, Pierre, SD — ~5.9 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free CLARK 87 91; GPS located from address price not listed — verify at pump

Shel'S Market, 1965 N Garfield Ave, Pierre, SD — ~6.0 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free SHELL 87 91; GPS Updated GPS price not listed — verify at pump

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- smallmouth bass — honest secondary this week
- white bass — honest secondary this week
- northern pike — 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

