



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Poinsett: Glacial walleye week under a wet Monday start

Monday Sep 21 – Thursday Sep 24, 2026 · Lake Poinsett · bank, kayak & boat · Monday morning through Thursday evening focus · times CT

Window Mon–Thu CT

Primary: walleye

No dam gen board

No dam schedule — wind, clouds, and perch/walleye forage drive the midweek plan.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

****NWS**** pin forecast for Lake Poinsett (pulled Sun Sep 20 ~8:45–8:55 PM CT). Monday reads ****Rain Showers Likely**** (~57°F); Thursday trends ****Rain Showers Likely**** (~66°F). All clock times ****CT****.

Barometer: KBKX baro blank at pull (not invented). Clarity unconfirmed — do not invent stain.

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 ~57°F / night ~43°F ****CT**** · 10 mph ENE · PoP ~69%

Rain Showers Likely

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

TUESDAY

High ~62°F / night ~44°F ****CT**** · 5 to 10 mph ESE · PoP ~1%

Patchy Fog then Mostly Sunny

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

WEDNESDAY

High ~65°F / night ~49°F **CT** · 10 to 15 mph
SSE · PoP ~8%

Partly Sunny

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

THURSDAY

High ~66°F / night ~52°F **CT** · 10 to 15 mph
S · PoP ~61%

Rain Showers Likely

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

No generator schedule — glacial / natural-lake product. Weather and forage drive the window.

LAKE	SUN OBSERVED	INFLOW / RELEASE	NOTES
—	no dam board	natural / no gen	N/A

SD GFP GLACIAL

Primary story: **walleye**.
Secondaries: yellow perch,
northern pike, black bass.

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

Lake Poinsett public access:
dawn/dusk walleye with small
jigs or live bait.

Glacial / no gen board —
weather and forage only;
never invent pool generation.

Wind can dirty shallow flats
after storms — adjust color,
do not invent clarity numbers.

Perch and pike honest
secondaries along weeds and
gravel.

Cooler midweek expands
morning bank windows.

Verify SD GFP access fees and
ramp conditions live.

KAYAK

Weed edges and mid-depth
flats; grid small plastics for
perch/walleye.

First light~9 AM CT; take-out
before midweek lightning on
open glacial water.

PFD on; wind stacks chop on
big glacial bowls.

No dam story — say natural/
glacial clearly.

Slip-bobber where perch
stack; upgrade to walleye on
edges at low light.

Soft recreational midweek.

BOAT

Electronics for bait/perch
clouds; drop small jigs; keep a
walleye rod for breaks.

Launch early; soft recreational
Mon–Thu after Monday
leftovers.

Wind lanes decide — relocate
rather than invent a current
story.

Evening edges when breeze
lays.

Clarity unconfirmed — natural
colors first, darken after storm
stain.

No named trail event pulled.

● 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.**

Alsville Crossing, 45401 192nd St, Lake Norden, SD — ~3.4 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free SINCLAIR 87 91; GPS entered by Steve Olson price not listed — verify at pump

Cenex, 101 N Main, Lake Preston, SD — ~19.6 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free CENEX 91; GPS entered by jim bob price not listed — verify at pump

Gas N Mor, 600 6th St, Brookings, SD — ~21.7 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free UNBRANDED 87; GPS located from address price not listed — verify at pump

Bozied, 916 6th St, Brookings, SD — ~21.8 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free SHELL 87 91; GPS entered by T price not listed — verify at pump

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- yellow perch — honest secondary this week
- northern pike — honest secondary this week

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

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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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