



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Waubay: Perch & walleye on a cool, breezy midweek

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

Window Mon–Thu CT

Primary: yellow perch

No dam gen board

Glacial complex north of Watertown. No gen board — wind lanes and forage decide.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

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

Barometer: K8D3 baro ~30.18 in, air ~58°F at pull. Clarity unconfirmed — do not invent stain.

WINDOW

Mon–Thu

through Thu evening CT

PRIMARY

yellow perch

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 ~45°F ****CT**** · 9 mph E · PoP ~11%

Partly Sunny

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

TUESDAY

High ~62°F / night ~47°F ****CT**** · 6 to 12 mph SE · PoP ~0%

Patchy Fog then Mostly Sunny

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

WEDNESDAY

High ~65°F / night ~52°F **CT** · 12 to 16 mph
SSE · PoP ~13%

Mostly Sunny

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

THURSDAY

High ~66°F / night ~55°F **CT** · 10 to 14 mph
S · PoP ~57%

Rain Showers Likely

Primary **yellow perch**: 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: **yellow perch**.
Secondaries: walleye,
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

Waubay public access: perch
along weeds and gravel with
small jigs — perch primary
this week.

Walleye as the upgrade bite
at low light on edges.

Glacial / no gen — weather
and forage only.

Wind can dirty shallow flats
after storms.

Cooler midweek expands
morning windows.

Verify SD GFP access live.

KAYAK

Grid mid-depth flats with
small plastics; slip-bobber
where perch stack.

First light~9 AM CT; PFD for
glacial chop.

Pike bycatch on larger profiles
— honest secondary.

Lightning out on open
Waubay; midweek take-out
plan.

No dam board — say glacial
clearly.

Soft recreational midweek.

BOAT

Electronics for perch clouds;
tiny jigs; walleye rod for
edges.

Launch early; wind decides.

Evening edges when breeze
lays.

Clarity unconfirmed —
natural/perch colors first.

Soft recreational Mon–Thu; no
named trail event.

Species-honest perch lead —
not bass-by-default.

● LURE BOX — TOP / MID / BOTTOM

TOP

Skip topwater unless bait is exploding.

Rare calm window only.

Focus mid/bottom most of the window.

MID

Small spoons and 1–2" plastics.

Perch-color paddletails.

Light spinner for pike bycatch.

BOTTOM

Tiny jig + soft plastic.

Live bait where preferred.

Walleye jig on nearby breaks.

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

● LIFE STAGE + WHAT'S ON THE MENU

****Perch and walleye sharing early-fall flats.**** Cool nights help; Wednesday storms may dirty shallow water.

****What's on the menu**** (seasonal): invertebrates and small baitfish — perch advertise forage; walleye follow. No dated hatch claim.

● 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.**

Sandy Beach Resort, 3472 Dakota Beach Cir, Waubay, SD — ~6.6 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free UNBRANDED 92; GPS entered by Jonathan Lathburyprice not listed — verify at pump

Coffee Cup Fuel, 45789 Us Hwy 12, Summit, SD — ~15.0 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free CENEX 87 91; GPS located from addressprice not listed — verify at pump

Main Stop, 411 Main St, Scotland, SD — ~19.4 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free UNBRANDED 87; GPS located from addressprice not listed — verify at pump

Ben's Super Service, 524 W Broadway, Browns Valley, MN — ~30.3 mi · E0 listing · Ethanol-free UNBRANDED 93; GPS located from addressprice not listed — verify at pump

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- walleye — 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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