



FRESHWATER CAST - MONDAY CAST - VERMONT

Willoughby: Deep Clear Water, Cool Nights & Trout Focus

Mon Sep 21 - Thu Sep 24, 2026 - Lake Willoughby - Orleans County, VT - **Primary: Lake trout & landlocked salmon (coolwater)** - local ET

Mon ~55F

Tue ~60F

Wed ~62F

Thu ~64F

Local ET

Not a stamped bass newsletter - Willoughby is cold, clear, and vertical.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

BTV (BTV 124,75) - Sun Sep 20, 2026 8:52 PM CT ET: Monday ~55F Mostly Cloudy | Tuesday ~60F Sunny | Wednesday ~62F Sunny | Thursday ~64F Sunny

MONDAY

~55F / low ~38F - Mostly Cloudy
Wind 5 mph - PoP ~4% - ET

TUESDAY

~60F / low ~37F - Sunny
Wind 2 mph - PoP ~0% - ET

WEDNESDAY

~62F / low ~39F - Sunny
Wind 2 mph - PoP ~2% - ET

THURSDAY

~64F / low ~42F - Sunny
Wind 2 mph - PoP ~4% - ET

CLARITY

No dated mid-Sep clarity report - FLAG.

PRIMARY SPECIES

Lake trout & landlocked salmon (coolwater)

HEAVY TRAFFIC

No named trail event pulled Mon-Thu. Soft weekday recreational.

● DAM / LAKE LEVEL

VT Fish & Wildlife

No stage board - soft.

Re-check before launch.

● BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Limited vs boat/kayak; respect private shore.

KAYAK

Calm mornings; dress for cold spray.

BOAT

Downriggers/leadcore/vertical for salmonids - live-check regs.

● ETHANOL-FREE FUEL NEAR THIS WATER

Pure-Gas.org pulled **Sun Sep 20, 2026 · 8:44 PM CT** pin 44.74821,-72.05974. **Prices as of Sun Sep 20, 2026 8:52 PM CT - verify at pump.**

Willoughby Lake Store - 2003 Rte 5a, Westmore, VT ~1.3 mi oct [91] price not listed - verify at pump 802-525-3300

Morgan Gen Store - 8411 Rte 111, Morgan, VT ~7.2 mi oct [91] price not listed - verify at pump 802-895-2726

Kingdom Market - 12 Railroad St, Island Pond, VT ~9.7 mi oct [91] price not listed - verify at pump 802-723-5464

Brighton Garage - 49 Cross St, Island Pond, VT ~10.0 mi oct [91] price not listed - verify at pump 802-723-4455

● LURE BOX (LAKE TROUT & LANDLOCKED SALMON (COOLWATER))

TOP

Not primary for trout focus

MID

Spoons (silver/blue)

Soft baitfish

Stickbaits

BOTTOM

Jigs for lake trout

Vertical spoons

Cured bait where legal

● LIFE STAGE + WHAT'S ON THE MENU

Coolwater salmonid fishery; late Sep trout-forward.

What's on the menu / Natural forage (dated hatch thin — most likely for late Sep on this water): Smelt/cisco-class forage - seasonal. Match lure profile to what you mark; do not invent a specific hatch.

● ALSO ON THIS WATER

SMALLMOUTH

Rock secondary.

LANDLOCKED SALMON

Open-water lanes.

Regs: [live-check only](#).

● LOOKING AHEAD

Cooling helps trout mood. No named trail event.

Sources: NWS BTV BTV 124,75; VT Fish & Wildlife; Pure-Gas.org Sun Sep 20, 2026 · 8:44 PM CT. Re-check before launch.

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