



FRESHWATER CAST - MONDAY CAST - VIRGINIA

Smith Mountain: Stormy Midweek, Stripers Offshore & Bass on Edges

Mon Sep 21 - Thu Sep 24, 2026 - Smith Mountain Lake - VA - **Primary: Striped bass & largemouth bass** - local ET

Mon ~84F

Tue ~74F

Wed ~64F

Thu ~64F

Local ET

When NWS stacks midweek cells, start early for stripers and duck to a pocket when lightning talks.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

RNK (RNK 85,63) - Sun Sep 20, 2026 8:52 PM CT ET: Monday ~84F Patchy Fog then Chance Showers And Thunderstorms | Tuesday ~74F Showers And Thunderstorms | Wednesday ~64F Rain Showers | Thursday ~64F Rain Showers Likely

MONDAY

~84F / low ~65F - Patchy Fog then Chance Showers And Thunderstorms
Wind 2 to 7 mph - PoP ~41% - **ET**

TUESDAY

~74F / low ~59F - Showers And Thunderstorms
Wind 5 to 9 mph - PoP ~85% - **ET**

WEDNESDAY

~64F / low ~56F - Rain Showers
Wind 15 mph - PoP ~77% - **ET**

THURSDAY

~64F / low ~53F - Rain Showers Likely
Wind 14 mph - PoP ~55% - **ET**

CLARITY

No dated mid-Sep clarity report - FLAG.

PRIMARY SPECIES

Striped bass & largemouth bass

HEAVY TRAFFIC

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

● DAM / LAKE LEVEL

APCO Smith Mountain / Leesville system

APCO boards not fully validated at gather - soft. Re-check before launch. Do not invent unit counts.
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● BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Public parks/community access. Dawn pockets for bass.

KAYAK

Protected creeks in storms; lightning plan.

BOAT

Graph bait for stripers; bass on points/docks early.

● ETHANOL-FREE FUEL NEAR THIS WATER

Pure-Gas.org pulled **Sun Sep 20, 2026 · 8:44 PM CT** pin 37.11639,-79.65083. **Prices as of Sun Sep 20, 2026 8:52 PM CT - verify at pump.**

Bayside Marina & Yacht Club - 500 Shoreline Marina Cir, Moneta, VA ~1.7 mi oct [89] price not listed - verify at pump 540-721-3664

Crystal Shores Marina - 1617 Crystal Shores Dr, Moneta, VA ~1.7 mi oct [87,93] price not listed - verify at pump 540-297-1888

Webster Marine - 1185 Mills Rd, Moneta, VA ~2.4 mi oct [87,93] price not listed - verify at pump 540-297-5228

Lake Mart & Deli - 4795 Scruggs Rd, Moneta, VA ~2.6 mi oct [90] price not listed - verify at pump 540-721-5565

● LURE BOX (STRIPED BASS & LARGEMOUTH BASS)

TOP

Walking bait bass dawn
Popper pockets

MID

Soft swimbait stripers
Spinnerbait
Fluke

BOTTOM

Drop-shot
Football jig
Carolina

● LIFE STAGE + WHAT'S ON THE MENU

Late Sep SML: stripers on bait offshore; largemouth docks/points.

What's on the menu / Natural forage (dated hatch thin — most likely for late Sep on this water): Threadfin/gizzard shad - seasonal typical SML; no invented hatch. Match lure profile to what you mark; do not invent a specific hatch.

● ALSO ON THIS WATER

LARGEMOUTH

Docks/points co-primary.

CATFISH

Creek channels.

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

● LOOKING AHEAD

Stormy midweek. No named trail event Mon-Thu.

Sources: NWS RNK RNK 85,63; APCO Smith Mountain / Leesville system; Pure-Gas.org Sun Sep 20, 2026 · 8:44 PM CT. Re-check before launch.

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