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Columbia River: Midweek Window, Local PT Clock & Species-Honest Plan

Monday Sep 21 – Thursday Sep 24, 2026 · Columbia River - Hanford Reach · bank, kayak & boat ·
Monday morning through Thursday evening · times in PT

Mon ~88°

Thu ~73°

OTX · PT

No named trail event pulled for Mon–Thu

Hanford Reach smallmouth are a current-and-rock story — Vernita Bridge for a WA-shore launch, then seams and rock when the boards say the river is honest.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS OTX / Columbia River - Hanford Reach corridor (grid OTX 58,55; pulled Sun Sep 20, 2026 · 09:53 PM CT): Use the daytime cards below for Mon–Thu planning. All reader-facing clock language is **PT** — never force Central on this water.

Barometer / sky: Re-check local METAR and the NWS office page before launch; Sunday evening boards can miss Monday updates.

Crowd: Weekday soft recreational. **No named trail event pulled for Mon–Thu** in this research pass. Looking ahead 1–3 weeks: re-check major trail calendars and agency pages before the Friday Cast — flag sourced events as **Heavy Traffic** when found. Never invent boat counts or fake tournaments.

WINDOW

Mon–Thu

through Thu evening PT

WATER CLARITY / DEPTH

Estimate: often clearer in lower flow; wind/runoff can stain.

SMB: rock and seams. Walleye: bait and deeper seams.

CROWD / PRESSURE

Weekday soft. **No named trail event pulled for Mon–Thu.**

Soft recreational only — no invented boat counts.

Primary species: Smallmouth bass. **Also on this water:** see section below — water-first, not bass-by-default when another species leads.

MONDAY SEP 21

**~88°F · Mostly Sunny · precip
~0% · wind NW 5 mph**

Dawn primary window for Smallmouth bass

Soft weekday recreational pressure

TUESDAY SEP 22

**~83°F · Mostly Sunny · precip
~0% · wind W 9 mph**

Dawn primary window for Smallmouth bass

Soft weekday recreational pressure

WEDNESDAY SEP 23

**~76°F · Mostly Sunny · precip
~0% · wind SW 7 mph**

Dawn primary window for Smallmouth bass

Soft weekday recreational pressure

THURSDAY SEP 24

**~73°F · Partly Sunny then
Slight Chance Rain Showers ·
precip ~24% · wind NW 5
mph**

Lightning plan — off water for cells

Fish stain lines / edges after cells

● DAM & CURRENT / GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

Mainstem Columbia — Priest Rapids / Wanapum and upstream projects set flow. Pull USACE NWW / Grant PUD boards. Never invent cfs. Soft re-check language if Sunday boards are thin. Access hub: **WDFW Vernita Bridge boat ramp (Grant Co.) — WA shore**. Agency framing: USACE / USBR Columbia / WDFW.

PROJECT / WATER	OBSERVED	GENERATOR SCHEDULE	HOW TO FISH IT
Columbia River - Hanford Reach USACE / USBR Columbia / WDFW	No live USGS elev/cfs pulled for this product in this batch. Do not invent elev/cfs. Sunday evening boards are often thin — soft re-check before launch.	No fixed Mon–Thu public unit calendar confirmed in this pull. Use agency recording/web boards when listed. Soft re-check language only.	Fish habitat and bait first; when discharge pulses, seams and bait rearrange. Stay out of restricted lock/dam water.

Schedules change — re-check before launch.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Public rock near Vernita and signed access for SMB with tubes and Ned rigs when flow allows safe footing. Never enter restricted Hanford / project zones. Current rises fast — keep an exit path.

KAYAK

Only for skilled paddlers in appropriate flow. PFD, know the restricted water, and skip the Reach if discharge is high or wind opposes current. Prefer protected seams over mid-channel heroics.

BOAT

Graph seams and rock; fish current edges for SMB and walleye. Soft weekday traffic expected. Re-check discharge before launch and stay out of restricted areas.

● LURE BOX — TOP / MID / BOTTOM

TOP

Walker on calm eddy edges

MID

Spinnerbait on seams
Soft jerk on bait

BOTTOM

Tube / Ned on rock
Football jig
Blade for walleye overlap

Stain/clear: Match darker profiles in stained cover; natural/green/smoke when clearer. Tie lure size to forage below.

● PRIMARY LIFE STAGE + WHAT'S ON THE MENU

Smallmouth bass — Riverine early-fall SMB — current, rock, and bait.

What's on the menu (dated hatch thin — most likely): Craw and baitfish — natural craw and shad profiles.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- **Walleye** — current seams and bait
- **Channel catfish** — deeper holes
- **Sturgeon** — regs/slot; live-check only

WDFW fishing regulations: wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulations live-check only; do not hardcode inches or seasons.

● ETHANOL-FREE FUEL NEAR THIS WATER

PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · NEAR THIS WATER

Source: [Pure-Gas.org](https://pure-gas.org) station identity · pulled **Sun Sep 20, 2026 · 09:53 PM CT**

Current prices (as of Sun Sep 20, 2026 · 09:53 PM CT) — may change; verify at the pump. Pure-Gas does not publish pump prices. Station-specific E0 prices were not confirmed in this batch — price not listed — verify at pump. Do not treat area regular as confirmed E0.

Ken's Corner — 88 Government Rd, Mattawa, WA · ~10.3 mi · 91 octane E0 — Noticed they were now selling non-ethanol fuel in the local area. price not listed — verify at pump 509-932-4404 [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

Coleman Oil Co — 109 Royal Ave N W, Royal City, WA · ~18.7 mi · 91 octane E0 — Supplied from Coleman Oil Co. price not listed — verify at pump [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

Connell Oil — 106 N 9th St, Sunnyside, WA · ~25.2 mi · 91 octane E0 price not listed — verify at pump 509-837-5274 [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

Portside Conoco — 1829 S 1st St, Sunnyside, WA · ~26.5 mi · 92 octane E0 — One Pump, middle of station. price not listed — verify at pump 509-837-9066 [Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

● LOOKING AHEAD

Pattern shifts into early October. **No named trail event pulled for Mon–Thu** and **no named looking-ahead trail event pulled for the next 1–3 weeks** on this water from calendars checked in this pass. Re-pull agency boards and trail calendars for the Friday Cast. Flag sourced events as Heavy Traffic when found.

Sources: NWS api.weather.gov (OTX grid OTX 58,55) · USACE / USBR Columbia / WDFW · USGS where noted · Pure-Gas.org GraphQL stationsByState (Sun Sep 20, 2026 · 09:53 PM CT) · WDFW fishing regulations. Schedules and prices change — re-check before launch.

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