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Rufus Woods Lake: Midweek Window, Local PT Clock & Species-Honest Plan

Monday Sep 21 – Thursday Sep 24, 2026 · Rufus Woods Lake · bank, kayak & boat · Monday morning through Thursday evening · times in PT

Mon ~85°

Thu ~69°

OTX · PT

No named trail event pulled for Mon–Thu

Rufus Woods is a Chief Joseph pool with a weekday walleye brief — bait on the screen, a slow presentation on the break, and Bridgeport State Park as your WA-shore hub.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS OTX / Rufus Woods Lake corridor (grid OTX 74,119; 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: clearer main pool; wind stain in pockets. Walleye on breaks/bait; SMB on rock at dawn.

CROWD / PRESSURE

Weekday soft. **No named trail event pulled for Mon–Thu.** Soft recreational only — no invented boat counts.

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

MONDAY SEP 21

**~85°F · Mostly Sunny · precip
~0% · wind S 1 to 6 mph**

Dawn primary window for Walleye

Soft weekday recreational pressure

TUESDAY SEP 22

**~80°F · Mostly Sunny · precip
~0% · wind W 2 to 8 mph**

Dawn primary window for Walleye

Soft weekday recreational pressure

WEDNESDAY SEP 23

**~73°F · Mostly Sunny · precip
~0% · wind SW 1 to 10 mph**

Dawn primary window for Walleye

Soft weekday recreational pressure

THURSDAY SEP 24

**~69°F · Mostly Cloudy then
Chance Rain Showers · precip
~33% · wind NW 5 mph**

Lightning plan — off water for cells

Fish stain lines / edges after cells

● DAM & CURRENT / GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

Chief Joseph Dam pool — check Douglas PUD / USACE NWW for pool and discharge. Pulses rearrange bait. Never invent cfs. Access hub: **Bridgeport State Park public access**. Agency framing: Douglas PUD / WDFW.

PROJECT / WATER	OBSERVED	GENERATOR SCHEDULE	HOW TO FISH IT
Rufus Woods Lake Douglas PUD / 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

State Park rock and public shoreline for SMB at dawn; walleye bank windows are shorter. Respect park hours and dam-restricted zones.

KAYAK

Kayak protected banks only; this pool can turn mean in wind. PFD, stay well clear of dam restricted water, and treat mid-pool crossings as optional.

BOAT

Graph bait and fish harnesses/ blades/jigs on the break. Soft weekday recreational. Re-check discharge before fishing current seams near the project.

● LURE BOX — TOP / MID / BOTTOM

TOP

SMB walker on calm rock

MID

Harness / soft plastics on bait
Spinner along rock

BOTTOM

Blade / jigging rap
Jig + crawler
Tube for SMB

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

Walleye — Early-fall walleye on bait and breaks in a run-of-river pool.

What's on the menu (dated hatch thin — most likely): Perch and baitfish for walleye; craw for SMB.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- **Smallmouth bass** — rock
- **Rainbow trout** — seasonal

WDFW fishing regulations: wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/regulationslive-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.

Ag Supply Ace Hardware — 604 Highway 97, Brewster, WA · ~9.9 mi · 87 octane E0 — Could not recall if octane rating was 85 or 87. Will update when i get a chance to swing by again. Accepts all...price not listed — verify at pump509-689-2423[Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

Green Petroleum — 20 Hwy 150, Chelan, WA · ~21.2 mi · 87/90/92 octane E0 — Pacific Pride, Voyager, Wright Express, Comdata, TCH, T-Chek, & Fleet One cards accepted. Bulk delivery also...price not listed — verify at pump509-682-2221[Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

M&M Fuel Mart — 320 N 2nd St, Chelan Falls, WA · ~22.5 mi · 92 octane E0price not listed — verify at pump509-470-0067[Pure-Gas](https://pure-gas.org)

Pat And Mike's Chevron — 53 S Lakeshore Rd, Chelan, WA · ~24.9 mi · 91 octane E0price not listed — verify at pump509-682-2841[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 74,119) · Douglas PUD / 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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