



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CASTWEST VIRGINIA

Bluestone Lake: Midweek Window, Local ET Clock & Species-Honest Plan

Monday Sep 21 – Thursday Sep 24, 2026 · Bluestone Lake · bank, kayak & boat · Monday morning through Thursday evening · times in ET

Mon ~80°

Thu ~62°

RNK · ET

No named trail event pulled for Mon–Thu

Bluestone's smallmouth still answer a weekday rock plan — Pit Area launch, current-aware presentations, and an honest midweek sky check before you commit the afternoon.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS RNK / Bluestone Lake corridor (grid RNK 38,81; pulled Sun Sep 20, 2026 · 09:54 PM CT): Use the daytime cards below for Mon–Thu planning. All reader-facing clock language is **ET** — 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 ET

WATER CLARITY / DEPTH

Estimate: river influence can stain; clearer pockets on rock. SMB on rock/current; other species as noted.

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

**~80°F · Patchy Fog then
Chance Showers And
Thunderstorms · precip ~74%
· wind S 0 to 3 mph**

Lightning plan — off water for cells

Fish stain lines / edges after cells

TUESDAY SEP 22

**~73°F · Showers And
Thunderstorms · precip ~88%
· wind SE 3 mph**

Lightning plan — off water for cells

Fish stain lines / edges after cells

WEDNESDAY SEP 23

**~64°F · Rain Showers Likely ·
precip ~70% · wind E 8 mph**

Lightning plan — off water for cells

Fish stain lines / edges after cells

THURSDAY SEP 24

**~62°F · Rain Showers Likely ·
precip ~60% · wind E 5 to 8
mph**

Lightning plan — off water for cells

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● DAM & CURRENT / GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

USACE Bluestone — pool and New River inflow. Soft re-check; never invent. Access hub: **Bluestone Lake Pit Area public ramp**. Agency framing: USACE / WVDNR.

PROJECT / WATER	OBSERVED	GENERATOR SCHEDULE	HOW TO FISH IT
Bluestone Lake USACE / WVDNR	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 Pit Area for tubes and Ned rigs at dawn. Current and slick rock demand careful footing.

KAYAK

Kayak protected rock banks; PFD; respect current and dam restricted water.

BOAT

Fish rock and seams for SMB; soft weekday pressure. Re-check pool/inflow.

● LURE BOX — TOP / MID / BOTTOM

TOP

Walker on calm rock

MID

Spinnerbait on seams
Soft jerk

BOTTOM

Tube
Ned
Football jig

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 — River-influenced early-fall SMB.

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

• ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- Largemouth bass
- Walleye
- Striped bass
- Catfish
- Muskie

WVDNR fishing: www.wvdnr.gov/fishing/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 station identity · pulled **Sun Sep 20, 2026 · 09:54 PM CT**

Current prices (as of Sun Sep 20, 2026 · 09:54 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.

Par Mar Store #215 — 2180 Grandview Road, Beaver, WV · ~13.7 mi · 90 octane E0 — This Par Mar Store location sells 90 octane ethanol free gasoline. This is not a BP branded product, price not listed — verify at pump 681-207-2015 Pure-Gas

Par Mar Store #69 — 5851 Athens Rd, Athens, WV · ~14.6 mi · 90 octane E0 price not listed — verify at pump 304-384-9057 Pure-Gas

Dq Grill & Chill — 868 Federal St, Rich Creek, VA · ~16.3 mi · 87 octane E0 price not listed — verify at pump 540-726-3133 Pure-Gas

Riverview Exxon — 100 Riverview Ave, Alderson, WV · ~16.9 mi · 87 octane E0 — Conventional non ethanol gas price not listed — verify at pump 304-445-7620 Pure-Gas

• 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 (RNK grid RNK 38,81) · USACE / WVDNR · USGS where noted · Pure-Gas.org GraphQL
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