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FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY **CAST** WEST VIRGINIA

Ohio River: Midweek Window, Local ET Clock & Species-Honest Plan

Monday Sep 21 – Thursday Sep 24, 2026 · Ohio River - WV pools · bank, kayak & boat · Monday morning through Thursday evening · times in ET

Mon ~76°

Thu ~67°

RLX · ET

No named trail event pulled for Mon–Thu

Belleville is your WV-primary Ohio River hub — rock, current seams, and weekday barge traffic — and Meldahl/Greenup stay on the OH bot's side of the ledger.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS RLX / Ohio River - WV pools corridor (grid RLX 55,101; 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: stain varies with rain and traffic. SMB on rock/seams; catfish in deeper holes.

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

**~76°F · Showers And
Thunderstorms Likely then
Slight Chance Showers And
Thunderstorms · precip ~67%
· wind NE 5 to 8 mph**

Lightning plan — off water for cells

Fish stain lines / edges after cells

TUESDAY SEP 22

**~72°F · Chance Rain Showers ·
precip ~33% · wind N 2 to 6
mph**

Lightning plan — off water for cells

Fish stain lines / edges after cells

WEDNESDAY SEP 23

**~68°F · Showers And
Thunderstorms · precip ~78%
· wind NE 9 mph**

Lightning plan — off water for cells

Fish stain lines / edges after cells

THURSDAY SEP 24

**~67°F · Chance Rain Showers ·
precip ~37% · wind NE 8 mph**

Lightning plan — off water for cells

Fish stain lines / edges after cells

● DAM & CURRENT / GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

WV-primary pools: Racine, Belleville, Willow Island, Hannibal, Pike Island, New Cumberland. Hub Belleville. NOT Meldahl/Greenup (OH-primary). Pull USACE lock/dam and river stages. Never invent. Access hub: **Belleville Locks and Dam (Wood Co., WV) hub**. Agency framing: USACE LRD Belleville / Ohio River.

PROJECT / WATER	OBSERVED	GENERATOR SCHEDULE	HOW TO FISH IT
Ohio River - WV pools USACE LRD Belleville / Ohio River	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 WV-shore rock and riprap near Belleville-area access for tubes and jigs when footing is safe. Stay out of lock restricted zones. Current and barge wake are real — keep an exit path.

KAYAK

Only for skilled paddlers in appropriate stage/flow. PFD, avoid lock approaches, and skip the river if wind opposes current or commercial traffic is heavy.

BOAT

Fish rock and seams for SMB; soft weekday recreational. Re-check stage/discharge. Shared-water: do not duplicate OH-primary pool reports.

● LURE BOX — TOP / MID / BOTTOM

TOP

Walker on calm eddy rock

MID

Spinnerbait on seams
 Soft jerk

BOTTOM

Tube
 Ned
 Football jig
 Blade where walleye/sauger 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 and rock.

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

• ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- **Spotted bass**
- **Largemouth** — **slower water**
- **Channel/flathead catfish**
- **Hybrid stripers** — **variable**

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 #118 (Valero) — 479 State Route 124, Hockingport, OH · ~4.8 mi · 90 octane E0price not listed — verify at pump740-667-3630Pure-Gas

Par Mar Store #118 — 479 State Route 124, Coolville, OH · ~4.8 mi · 90 octane E0 — This site has a mailing address of Coolville, but it is in Hockingport.price not listed — verify at pump740-667-3630Pure-Gas

James Iga Country Store — 34 Hwy 892, Washington, WV · ~7.7 mi · 90 octane E0 — Rt 68 Southprice not listed — verify at pump304-863-6300Pure-Gas

Tnt Pit Stop 3 — 36270 Hwy 7, Chester, OH · ~10.2 mi · 90 octane E0price not listed — verify at pump740-985-3350Pure-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 (RLX grid RLX 55,101) · USACE LRD Belleville / Ohio River · USGS where noted · Pure-Gas.org GraphQL stationsByState (Sun Sep 20, 2026 · 09:54 PM CT) · WVDNR fishing. Schedules and prices change — re-check before launch.

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