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FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY **CAST** WEST VIRGINIA

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

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

Mon ~79°

Thu ~64°

RLX · ET

No named trail event pulled for Mon–Thu

Summersville's weekday bass story is rock, points, and a marina launch — leave the Gauley carnival to the weekend and fish the pool like you mean it before the midweek cells rearrange the afternoon.

• MIDWEEK OUTLOOK

NWS RLX / Summersville Lake corridor (grid RLX 89,65; 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: main lake often clearer; arms stain after storms.
Dawn points/rock; midday deeper breaks.

CROWD / PRESSURE

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

Primary species: Black bass (LMB/SMB). **Also on this water:** see section below — water-first, not bass-by-default when another species leads.

MONDAY SEP 21

**~79°F · Showers And
Thunderstorms Likely · precip
~70% · wind S 3 mph**

Lightning plan — off water for cells

Fish stain lines / edges after cells

TUESDAY SEP 22

**~73°F · Showers And
Thunderstorms · precip ~79%
· wind W 2 mph**

Lightning plan — off water for cells

Fish stain lines / edges after cells

WEDNESDAY SEP 23

**~67°F · Showers And
Thunderstorms Likely · precip
~72% · wind SE 6 mph**

Lightning plan — off water for cells

Fish stain lines / edges after cells

THURSDAY SEP 24

**~64°F · Rain Showers Likely ·
precip ~55% · wind E 3 mph**

Lightning plan — off water for cells

Fish stain lines / edges after cells

● DAM & CURRENT / GENERATOR SCHEDULE CHEAT SHEET

USACE Summersville — pool and release boards; pulses matter for Gauley below. Soft re-check language; never invent cfs. Access hub: **Summersville Lake Marina public launch**. Agency framing: USACE / WVDNR.

PROJECT / WATER	OBSERVED	GENERATOR SCHEDULE	HOW TO FISH IT
Summersville 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 and marina-adjacent shoreline for SMB/LMB with finesse plastics at dawn. Watch slick rock when releases change. Respect marina traffic and private slips.

KAYAK

Kayak protected arms when main-lake wind rises. PFD; avoid dam restricted water and any swift release zone below the project if you are not there for the river.

BOAT

Graph points and bait; rotate crankbaits, jigs, and topwater. Soft weekday recreational. Re-check release before fishing below the dam.

● LURE BOX — TOP / MID / BOTTOM

TOP

Walker / popper on points
Buzzbait on cloudy banks

MID

Spinnerbait
Squarebill / medium crank
Soft jerk

BOTTOM

Football jig
Texas-rig
Dropshot if clear

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

Black bass (LMB/SMB) — Early-fall black bass on points and rock.

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

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

- **Trout** — tailwater below (separate plan)
- **Walleye**
- **Panfish**

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.

Summersville Lake Marina — 1706 Airport Rd, Summersville, WV · ~1.3 mi · 90 octane E0 — We will fill up either your boat or gas cans. We cannot fill up any other vehicles. price not listed — verify at pump 304-872-1331 Pure-Gas

Little General Convenience Stores — 38 Riviera Rd, Mount Nebo, WV · ~3.3 mi · 87 octane E0 price not listed — verify at pump 304-872-8377 Pure-Gas

Little General Convenience Stores — 4040 Canvas Nettle Rd, Canvas, WV · ~5.7 mi · 87 octane E0 — Don't have phone # or street address price not listed — verify at pump 304-872-6746 Pure-Gas

Marathon — 18131 West Webster Rd., Craigsville, WV · ~14.0 mi · 90 octane E0 price not listed — verify at pump 304-742-3177 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 (RLX grid RLX 89,65) · USACE / WVDNR · 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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