FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Deadmans Basin area

Deadmans Basin

Montana

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Mountain Time · Walleye

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

2/10 — Poor odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 14°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 26 mph · unsafe chop	− Rain up to ~86%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **41–55°F**, lows **22–35°F**, rain chance up to **~86%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

55° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	SSW 1–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:20 AM / 4:44 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

TUESDAY NOV 17

52° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Cloudy then Light Rain
WIND	NE 2–6 mph
RAIN	~86%
SUN	7:21 AM / 4:43 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

41° F high

LOW	22°F
SKY	Chance Light Snow then Mostly Sunny
WIND	WNW 16–26 mph
RAIN	~39%
SUN	7:23 AM / 4:42 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SSW → NE → WNW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:20 AM MST) → ~9 AM**
- Use any ripple as cover

MIDDAY

- Shade lines, docks, deeper edges
- Electronics for bait height first
- Slow down once the sun is overhead

EVENING

- Revisit shallow shade as sun drops
- Topwater if the surface lays down
- Weekday traffic is lighter — work quiet pockets

FALL TRANSITION **Walleye plan: Fish rock and gravel 10-25 ft at low light; jig and minnow or troll stickbaits, moderate.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Walleye are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~50°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending rising

NATURAL FORAGE

Natural perch and shad finishes cover most sunny scenarios.

ALSO BITING

Northern pike where present. Weeds and creek mouths early.

PRESSURE

Weekday traffic — lighter than the weekend. Fish early, give ramps and swim areas room.

DAM & WATER — CONFIRM BEFORE YOU LAUNCH

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No shared generation/level feed this cycle — check the agency page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Confirm	Managing agency page for this water	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Funnel foot traffic through Deadman's Basin Reservoir public shoreline near the recreation site. Use cool MT dawn for walleye, then pick shade lines after the sun climb. At Deadman's Basin Reservoir, snacks on your person beat truck trips.

KAYAK

Keep casts inside Deadman's Basin protected recreation water until weekday wind is clear. Soft plastic drifts help walleye when breeze lays down. At Deadman's Basin Reservoir, clip a throwable float close.

BOAT

Powerboat start Deadman's Basin public ramp and main-lake points. Soften presentations as glare climbs. Pack sunscreen and water for Deadman's Basin Reservoir.

LURE BOX

TOP

Shallow cranks on riprap dawn. Walking baits if bait is high. Small swimbaits over points.

MID

Jig + minnow / soft plastic. Blade baits on seams. Moderate cranks on breaks.

BOTTOM

Crawler harness / bottom bouncer. Heavier jigs on current. Ned or drop-shot under high sun.