FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Hauser area

Hauser

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 15°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 2–9 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~99%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **39–54°F**, lows **21–32°F**, rain chance up to **~99%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

54° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	SSW 1–5 mph
RAIN	~22%
SUN	7:31 AM / 4:52 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

43° F high

LOW	24°F
SKY	Rain And Snow
WIND	NNW 3–9 mph
RAIN	~99%
SUN	7:32 AM / 4:51 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

39° F high

LOW	21°F
SKY	Slight Chance Light Snow then Mostly Sunny
WIND	NW 2 mph
RAIN	~27%
SUN	7:34 AM / 4:50 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SSW → NNW → NW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:31 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 ~49°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, shad, and white finishes cover most sunny scenarios.

ALSO BITING
Northern pike / muskie where present. Weeds and creek mouths early.

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

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 — check the operator page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Hauser Dam	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: observed flow at USGS 06065500 (Missouri River Bl Hauser Dam Near Helena Mt) 3,170 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	Confirm length limits and seasons on the live state regulations page before you keep fish.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Black Sandy State Park shoreline and legal public rock near the Lakeside launch are the bank homes this week. Work a jig-and-minnow along the first riprap at legal light for walleye, then ease toward shaded park rock as the sun climbs the Missouri canyon.

KAYAK

Black Sandy's protected shoreline is the kayak home on light-wind days. Launch from the state-park ramp only, hug the canyon wall early for walleye on rock transitions, then slide toward Lakeside points once glare builds.

BOAT

Launch at Black Sandy and run the Missouri rock wall at first light before weekenders arrive, then graph deeper canyon bends as the sun climbs. Walleye here relate to hard bottom and current seams more than wide flats — keep moves short and presentations slow under high sun.

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.