FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Hebgen area

Hebgen

Montana

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

3/10 — Poor odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 16°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	− Rain up to ~100%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **30–46°F**, lows **18–30°F**, rain chance up to **~100%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

46° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	SE 1–8 mph
RAIN	~6%
SUN	7:22 AM / 4:55 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

45° F high

LOW	23°F
SKY	Rain And Snow
WIND	SE 1–5 mph
RAIN	~100%
SUN	7:24 AM / 4:54 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

30° F high

LOW	18°F
SKY	Chance Light Snow then Mostly Cloudy
WIND	SSW 5–15 mph
RAIN	~53%
SUN	7:25 AM / 4:53 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:22 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 **Trout plan: Target inflows and shoreline drop-offs as water cools; spoons, spinners and streamers, moderate.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

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

Basis: estimated water ~44°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 steady

NATURAL FORAGE

Small natural profiles and flash in moderation fit clear sunny water.

ALSO BITING

Low-light rock and deeper breaks. Yellow perch.

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
Hebgen Lake near West Yellowstone, MT	**No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18** Observed: pool 6,529.89 ft (Mon 3:45 AM CT)	the operator

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

First rock line is Hebgen Lake public shoreline near the Quake Lake / West Yellowstone corridor. Upstream or upwind casts help rainbow trout see the bait clean. MT mornings at Hebgen Lake compress the bite into low light.

KAYAK

Launch toward Protected Hebgen shoreline pockets. Keep the hull off submerged rock when glare hides bottom. Focus on rainbow trout with the camera stowed.

BOAT

Idle to Public Hebgen launches and main-lake points and fish the shaded side. Trolling-motor routes should not wake the ramp cove at Hebgen Lake. Courtesy is part of the bite.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small spoons at dawn. Inline spinners near the dam. Dry flies on calm mornings.

MID

Nymphs and soft hackles. Small jigs under a float. Light spoons mid-depth.

BOTTOM

Heavier spoons under high sun. Egg patterns near inflow. Slow retrieves on the bottom.