Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Holter area

Holter

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 16°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 3–8 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~99%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **38–54°F**, lows **28–38°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	38°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	SSW 2–8 mph
RAIN	~35%
SUN	7:32 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

41° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Light Rain then Rain And Snow
WIND	N 8 mph
RAIN	~99%
SUN	7:33 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

38° F high

LOW	28°F
SKY	Chance Light Snow then Partly Sunny
WIND	WNW 3 mph
RAIN	~26%
SUN	7:35 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 → N → WNW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:32 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 ~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

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
Holter Dam	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: observed flow at USGS 06066500 (Missouri River Bl Holter Dam Nr Wolf Cr Mt) 3,100 cfs (Mon 3:45 AM CT)	the operator

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Holter Lake FAS / Beartooth Landing shoreline and legal public rock outside restricted markers are the bank homes this week. Work first light with a presentation that matches rainbow trout, then slide to deeper rock or cover as the sun climbs.

KAYAK

Beartooth Landing protected water suit a kayak on these light-wind days. Launch from established public ramps only, hug shoreline transitions early for rainbow trout, then slide to points as the sun warms the rock. Travel light so you can remount quickly if a weekday skier or workboat wakes the pocket.

BOAT

Run Beartooth Landing / Holter FAS launches and Missouri mainstem points at first light, then fan main-lake points and windward breaks as the sun climbs. Use electronics to find bait for rainbow trout, and idle through no-wake zones near ramps and swimming areas.

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.