FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Tiber / Elwell area

Tiber / Elwell

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 15°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 3–12 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~97%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **38–53°F**, lows **25–36°F**, rain chance up to **~97%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

53° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	WNW 3 mph
RAIN	~24%
SUN	7:33 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

44° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Rain And Snow
WIND	NNE 5–9 mph
RAIN	~97%
SUN	7:34 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

38° F high

LOW	25°F
SKY	Chance Light Snow
WIND	NW 6–12 mph
RAIN	~54%
SUN	7:36 AM / 4:42 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: WNW → NNE → NW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:33 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 USACE NWDM 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
Tiber Dam & Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 2,986.10 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 515 cfs (Mon 2:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM
Permit / regs	Confirm length limits and seasons on the live state regulations page before you keep fish.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Tiber Marina riprap and the legal public shoreline around the recreation hub are the Marias River bank plays this week. Dawn-jig the marina rock for walleye, then walk toward open public banks as light spreads across Lake Elwell. Pack layers for Mountain dawns and a second slower rod for the sunny midday lull.

KAYAK

Stay inside the Tiber Marina arms and nearest protected coves while the open pool is bright and breezy. Launch from the recreation-hub ramp, work marina points early for walleye, then ease onto adjacent public shoreline only if the wind stays honest.

BOAT

Idle out of Tiber Marina at dawn, graph the first windward points on Lake Elwell, then commit to longer main-lake runs only if the breeze stays under control. Walleye stack on breaks when any chop sets up — use it, don’t fight it.

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.