FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Tongue River area

Tongue River

Montana

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

2/10

Poor odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 15°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 24 mph · unsafe chop	− Rain up to ~58%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **45–60°F**, lows **15–26°F**, rain chance up to **~58%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

59° F high

LOW	25°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	NNE 1–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:06 AM / 4:37 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

60° F high

LOW	26°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	WNW 3 mph
RAIN	~58%
SUN	7:07 AM / 4:36 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

45° F high

LOW	15°F
SKY	Light Snow Likely then Light Rain Likely
WIND	NW 12–24 mph
RAIN	~58%
SUN	7:08 AM / 4:35 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: NNE → WNW → NW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:06 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 ~51°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a river (10-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
Tongue River Dam	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: observed flow at USGS 06307500 (Tongue River At Tongue R Dam Nr Decker Mt) 107 cfs (Mon 3:30 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	Campers Point shoreline, Tongue River State Park day-use banks, and legal marina riprap are the Ashland-side walk-ins this week.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Campers Point shoreline, Tongue River State Park day-use banks, and legal marina riprap are the Ashland-side walk-ins this week. Dawn-jig Campers Point rock for walleye before the day-use crowd arrives, then rotate to marina riprap outside restricted markers.

KAYAK

Launch from Tongue River State Park and stay near Campers Point and park coves while any west breeze is up. Work 8–14 ft transitions for walleye early, then ease toward marina points only if the fetch stays calm. PFD on in cold water, drift sock ready, and give bank anglers on Campers Point a wide berth.

BOAT

Idle out of the State Park ramp at dawn, graph Campers Point and the first main-lake breaks, then run toward deeper Tongue River structure only after you mark bait. Walleye here often want a slower fall presentation under high sun — keep a jig rod and a harness rod both rigged.

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.