FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Joes Valley Reservoir area

Joes Valley Reservoir

Utah

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 13°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 7–9 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~93%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **36–45°F**, lows **21–34°F**, rain chance up to **~93%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

45° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	SE 7 mph
RAIN	~23%
SUN	7:09 AM / 5:09 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

40° F high

LOW	21°F
SKY	Rain And Snow
WIND	SSE 6–9 mph
RAIN	~93%
SUN	7:10 AM / 5:09 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

36° F high

LOW	25°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 2–7 mph
RAIN	~25%
SUN	7:11 AM / 5:08 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:09 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 falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Cool nights pull bait toward east-ramp points and related edges, and splake follow that forage. What's on the menu: fall baitfish and shad where present, with sunfish and crawfish around docks, rocks, and timber.

ALSO BITING

Secondary species and park fishing stay in play around the same access points listed above. Arrive early on sunny days — recreational traffic builds after midmorning even.

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
Joes Valley Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 6,943.38 ft (Sat 11/14); daily average release (Reclamation) 8 cfs (Sat 11/14)	the operator
Permit / regs	Call or check the board for Joes Valley Boat Ramp East (SR-29) and USFS day-use shoreline before you leave.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at Joes Valley Boat Ramp East (SR-29) and at USFS day-use shoreline, both public access points where you can reach shoreline at first light without blocking the ramps. Fish away from the loading piers and keep courtesy docks clear for trailers. Carry-in near the east ramp also gives bank room along riprap and park shoreline.

KAYAK

Launch at Joes Valley Boat Ramp East (SR-29) to reach protected water near east-ramp points, or use USFS day-use shoreline to work dam face without fighting the busiest boat traffic. Joes Valley Boat Ramp East (SR-29) also puts a kayak into quieter water close to riprap and shade.

BOAT

Launch at Joes Valley Boat Ramp East (SR-29), USFS day-use shoreline, or Carry-in near the east ramp — public ramps that serve the main arms anglers use this week. Idle clear of ski courses and swim beaches, and confirm which ramps sit in the water before you tow.

LURE BOX

TOP

Topwater & walking baits. Small walking baits. Poppers.

MID

White or chartreuse spinnerbaits. Lipless cranks. Small paddle-tail swimbaits for covering mouths and points when fish are moving with shad or baitfish.

BOTTOM

Texas-rig worms, shaky heads, and jigs in green pumpkin or watermelon around docks, timber, brush, and the first drop. Flip shade lines once the sun is high and the surface bite fades.