FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Boysen Reservoir area

Boysen Reservoir

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

4/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 12°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 22 mph · unsafe chop	~ Rain up to ~31%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **47–59°F**, lows **27–37°F**, rain chance up to **~31%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

55° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	SSE 2–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:07 AM / 4:47 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

59° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSE 6–15 mph
RAIN	~31%
SUN	7:08 AM / 4:46 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

47° F high

LOW	27°F
SKY	Chance Snow Showers then Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 5–22 mph
RAIN	~31%
SUN	7:09 AM / 4:45 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:07 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 ~50°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

Boysen has long been known for its yellow perch, and young perch are a staple for walleye in fall, along with other small baitfish around the flats and points. Walleye will hold close to bait schools, so mark the bait before you mark the fish.

ALSO BITING

Yellow perch. Small jigs tipped with a bit of crawler on the bottom near flats.

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
Boysen Dam & Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 4,713.92 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 417 cfs (Mon 2:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM
Permit / regs	Check current Wyoming fishing regulations before you keep fish.	
Clarity	Calm, clear water all week calls for natural colors, 6–8 pound line and long leads.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Boysen State Park's campground areas give bank anglers plenty of shoreline. Brannon and Tamarask, on either side of the marina, have rocky points close to parking, Poison Creek and Cottonwood Bay offer more room to spread out, and Lakeside and Tough Creek round out the options.

KAYAK

Launch from the Brannon or Cottonwood Bay ramp and work the bay points and the edges of nearby flats. At dawn, drift a jig and crawler along the 10–20 foot edge for walleye. Later, troll a small crankbait or a crawler harness behind the kayak along the 15–25 foot break.

BOAT

Brannon, Tough Creek, Fremont Bay, Cottonwood Bay and Lakeside all have ramps and docks, and the marina and store sit between Brannon and Tamarask. Start on main-lake points and the edges of the big flats at first light and graph the 15–30 foot breaks for bait before you fish.

LURE BOX

TOP

Floating minnow plug twitched over shallow points at dawn. Slip bobber with a leech or crawler on the edge of a flat. Small walking bait if fish chase bait at dusk.

MID

3" swimbait on a 1/4 oz jighead, perch. Shallow crankbait trolled over flats in low light. Suspending jerkbait, perch or silver.

BOTTOM

1/4 oz jig with a crawler on the 15–30 ft break. Lindy-style slip-sinker rig with a leech. Jigging spoon over tight marks.