Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Buffalo Bill Reservoir area

Buffalo Bill Reservoir

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

2/10 — Poor odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 17°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 21 mph · unsafe chop	− Rain up to ~60%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **40–57°F**, lows **30–43°F**, rain chance up to **~60%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

57° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	W 2–12 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:14 AM / 4:48 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

TUESDAY NOV 17

52° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Partly Sunny then Rain Showers Likely
WIND	ENE 2–9 mph
RAIN	~60%
SUN	7:15 AM / 4:47 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

40° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 10–21 mph
RAIN	~8%
SUN	7:17 AM / 4:46 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:14 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 ~52°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

What's on the menu: yellow perch and other small fish. Match that with jigs tipped with minnows, nightcrawler harnesses, crankbaits and jerkbaits.

ALSO BITING

Lake trout hold deeper over structure; jigged spoons or tubes over fish you mark on electronics can produce. Rainbow and cutthroat trout.

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
Buffalo Bill Dam & Reservoir	**No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18** Observed: observed outflow (USACE) 204 cfs (Mon 2:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM
Permit / regs	**Bring warm layers, and pay the state park day-use fee.**	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Cast a jerkbait or shallow minnow bait along the rocks, or fish a jig tipped with a minnow or a nightcrawler off the bottom near points. For trout, a spoon or a worm on a slip-sinker rig works well. Bring warm layers, and pay the state park day-use fee.

KAYAK

Is still breezy, so stay near shore if you go. With light north wind and sunny skies, is the best kayak day of the week. Launch from a park boat ramp, stay close to shore, and work rocky points and shoreline with a jig and minnow or a small crankbait for walleye, or troll a small spoon for trout.

BOAT

Launch at the Lake Shore, Stagecoach or Bartlett Lane ramp, and check dock status first. For walleye, start on rocky points near the dam, old river channel edges and west-side rocky shoreline in about 20–50 feet. Drag a bottom bouncer with a nightcrawler harness, jig a minnow, or troll crankbaits along the breaks.

LURE BOX

TOP

Shallow minnow bait cast over rocky points at dusk. Slip bobber with a leech or minnow on calm evenings. Surface action is limited, so focus lower in the water.

MID

Crankbait trolled along rocky breaks early and late. Jerkbait worked along rocky shoreline in low light. Swimbait on a light jighead along points and edges.

BOTTOM

Bottom bouncer with a nightcrawler harness along breaks. Jig tipped with a minnow on main-lake points. Blade bait snapped off the bottom on deeper edges.