FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Fontenelle Reservoir area

Fontenelle Reservoir

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Fair odds

4/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 12°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 18 mph · open-water chop	− Rain up to ~69%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **39–51°F**, lows **18–23°F**, rain chance up to **~69%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

48° F high

LOW	23°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	E 5 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:11 AM / 4:58 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

51° F high

LOW	21°F
SKY	Partly Sunny then Rain And Snow Showers Likely
WIND	ESE 3–15 mph
RAIN	~69%
SUN	7:13 AM / 4:57 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

39° F high

LOW	18°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 5–18 mph
RAIN	~32%
SUN	7:14 AM / 4:56 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:11 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 ~46°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: aquatic insects, leeches and small fish.

ALSO BITING

Kokanee salmon. Kokanee are spawning in fall; check regulations and Game and Fish tips before targeting them.

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
Fontenelle Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 6,499.52 ft (Sat 11/14); daily average release (Reclamation) 899 cfs (Sat 11/14)	the operator
Permit / regs	Check current Wyoming Game and Fish regulations before you keep any fish.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Rainbows cruise rocky edges early, and brown trout move shallow in low light ahead of their spawn. Cast a spoon or spinner along drop-offs, or fish a worm or floating bait off the bottom on a slip-sinker rig. A minnow-imitating jerkbait can draw a bigger brown at dawn.

KAYAK

Launch from the Fontenelle Creek Recreation Area ramp and troll a small spoon, spinner or wooly bugger slowly along rocky edges and points. Trout cruise near the surface early, so a quiet approach helps. Afternoon wind can rise quickly in this open country, so plan to be off the water early.

BOAT

Launch at the Fontenelle Creek Recreation Area boat ramp and dock. Troll spoons or crankbaits along rocky shorelines early in the day for rainbows and browns. As the sun gets high, troll deeper with downriggers or lead-core line, which is also how anglers find kokanee in open water.

LURE BOX

TOP

Dry fly or small dry-dropper rig on calm mornings when fish rise. Bobber and worm along shallow flats at first light. Surface action fades quickly once the wind builds.

MID

Small spoon in gold, silver or orange cast along drop-offs. Inline spinner retrieved slowly near the windward bank. Wooly bugger or leech pattern trolled from a kayak.

BOTTOM

Floating bait or worm on a slip-sinker rig from shore. Worm harness behind a flasher, trolled deeper at midday. Small jig tipped with a worm near the bottom.