Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Keyhole Reservoir area

Keyhole Reservoir

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Fair odds

4/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 17°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 18 mph · open-water chop	~ Rain up to ~44%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **48–64°F**, lows **20–37°F**, rain chance up to **~44%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

63° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SE 7–13 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:56 AM / 4:31 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

64° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 3–8 mph
RAIN	~40%
SUN	6:57 AM / 4:30 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

48° F high

LOW	20°F
SKY	Chance Rain And Snow
WIND	W 12–18 mph
RAIN	~44%
SUN	6:59 AM / 4:29 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:56 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 **Smallmouth plan: Go subsurface and a notch slower: edges of drop-offs, rocky points and bluff ends between the fall flats and the 20-40 ft winter depth; jerkbait with pauses, small jig or hula grub on the bottom, blade bait ripped off the bottom on points.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Smallmouth are in the late fall transition — water in the low-to-mid 50s, so they are staging on drop-off edges, points and bends between their summer spots and the deep wintering holes.

Basis: estimated water ~52°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Smallmouth eat the same baitfish plus crayfish on rock.

ALSO BITING

Northern pike. Pike patrol weed edges in the bays.

PRESSURE

Weekday traffic — lighter than the weekend. Fish early, give ramps and swim areas room.

gauge on the lake; air record trending rising

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
Keyhole Dam & Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 4,083.62 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 0 cfs (Mon 2:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM
Permit / regs	Check current Wyoming fishing regulations before you keep fish.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Keyhole State Park's campground and ramp areas give bank anglers plenty of shoreline. Coulter Bay, Wind Creek, Pat's Point, Tatanka and the marina area on the south side near Pine Haven all have walk-in access to points and rock. The low pool has exposed more shoreline, so you can reach points that are usually underwater.

KAYAK

Launch from the Coulter Bay or marina area and work the nearby points and coves before the sun gets high. At dawn, drift a jig and crawler along the 10–20 foot break for walleye, then cast a Ned rig or tube to rocky banks for smallmouth. If you want to cover water, troll a small crankbait or crawler harness along the same break.

BOAT

The park lists ramps at Coulter Bay, Wind Creek, Pat's Point, Tatanka and the marina, which sits on the south side at the end of Marina Drive. With the pool low and docks coming out for the season, confirm which ramps are usable first.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait for smallmouth on calm dawns. Floating minnow plug twitched over shallow points. Slip bobber with a leech on the edge of a flat.

MID

3" swimbait on a 1/4 oz jighead, perch. Suspending jerkbait, perch or silver. Shallow crankbait trolled at dusk.

BOTTOM

Bottom bouncer with a crawler harness. 1/4 oz jig with a crawler on the 15–25 ft break. Ned rig or 3" tube, green pumpkin, on rock.