Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for New Fork Lakes area

New Fork Lakes

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 17°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 9–14 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~100%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **29–46°F**, lows **16–27°F**, rain chance up to **~100%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

46° F high

LOW	27°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	SSE 5–9 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	7:13 AM / 4:55 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

43° F high

LOW	18°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy then Rain And Snow Showers Likely
WIND	SE 6–14 mph
RAIN	~100%
SUN	7:14 AM / 4:54 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

29° F high

LOW	16°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	NNW 3–9 mph
RAIN	~48%
SUN	7:16 AM / 4:53 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:13 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 ~45°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 steady

NATURAL FORAGE
What's on the menu: kokanee, other trout and small fish.

ALSO BITING
Brook trout. Fall brook trout are colorful and aggressive near shore; small bright spinners draw strikes.

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

DAM & WATER — CONFIRM BEFORE YOU LAUNCH

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No shared generation/level feed this cycle — check the agency page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Permit / regs	Check current Wyoming Game and Fish regulations before you keep any fish, including any special rules for kokanee or lake trout.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Rainbows and brook trout cruise the edges early, and lake trout sometimes push shallow in low light. Cast a heavy spoon or floating minnow bait along drop-offs, or fish a worm or floating bait off the bottom for rainbows and brookies. Brook trout are aggressive in fall, so small bright spinners work well.

KAYAK

Light wind all three days makes this a good week to paddle New Fork Lakes. Launch at the west-shore boat ramp and stay near shore, working rocky drop-offs with a heavy spoon or tube jig.

BOAT

Launch at the paved boat ramp and dock on the western shore, and check gravel road conditions before you tow. Start the morning by jigging tubes or spoons over rocky drop-offs and fish you mark on your electronics for lake trout. As the morning goes , troll spoons or crankbaits along drop-offs with downriggers or lead-core line.

LURE BOX

TOP

Surface action is limited for lake trout, so focus deeper. Small spoon cast to rising rainbows along shore at first light. Floating minnow bait at dawn when lakers push shallow.

MID

Heavy casting spoon in white, silver or chartreuse over reefs. Flutter spoon jigged over fish marked on electronics. Trolled spoon or crankbait along drop-offs early in the day.

BOTTOM

White tube jig tipped with sucker meat on deep structure. Jigging spoon or blade bait vertically over humps and edges. Swimbait on a heavy jighead dragged along breaks.