FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Pathfinder Reservoir area

Pathfinder Reservoir

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

3/10

Poor odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 15°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 35 mph · unsafe chop	~ Rain up to ~24%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **41–56°F**, lows **35–42°F**, rain chance up to **~24%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

56° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	SSW 10–20 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:59 AM / 4:44 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

56° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance Rain Showers
WIND	SSW 15–25 mph
RAIN	~24%
SUN	7:00 AM / 4:44 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

41° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Slight Chance Snow Showers then Sunny
WIND	SW 20–35 mph
RAIN	~15%
SUN	7:02 AM / 4:43 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SSW → SW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:59 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 steady

NATURAL FORAGE

Pathfinder walleye eat small fish around rock and along the first deep break, and in fall young-of-the-year fish, including small walleye and perch-sized prey, are the main meal. Trout feed on zooplankton, aquatic insects and small fish.

ALSO BITING

Brown trout. Browns get more active as fall goes .

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 regulations before you move.	
Clarity	Clear water and bright sun call for natural colors and 6–8 pound fluorocarbon.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The Natrona County areas off County Road 409, Pathfinder Road, put bank anglers on good rock. Weiss campground sits close to the dam, Diabase is just west of the dam near the Pathfinder Marina, and Bishop's Point is reached by Pathfinder Road and Bishop Road.

KAYAK

Launch where a ramp still reaches the water, such as Diabase or Bishop's Point, and stay close to the shoreline coves and points near your put-. At dawn, anchor on a rock point and jig a crawler or a blade bait for walleye in 12–25 feet. Later, troll a small spoon or crankbait along the shoreline contour for trout.

BOAT

Bishop's Point has three ramps, and Diabase has one near the marina, but at this pool some ramp ends may be short or unusable. Confirm before you tow, and launch the bigger boat only where you can see enough water.

LURE BOX

TOP

Floating minnow plug twitched over rock on calm dawns. Small walking bait when bait dimples the surface at dusk. Bobber and crawler for shore trout.

MID

3" swimbait on a 1/4 oz jighead, perch or pearl. Small trolling spoon, silver or orange, for trout. Slim crankbait trolled along the 10–20 ft contour.

BOTTOM

1/4 oz jig tipped with a crawler on the 20–35 ft break. Bottom bouncer with a crawler harness. Blade bait, silver, jigged over marks.