FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Alabama River area

Alabama River

Alabama
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **64–72°F**, lows **38–46°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

64° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Cloudy
WIND	E 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:15 AM / 4:44 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

68° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 10–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:16 AM / 4:44 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

72° F high

LOW	46°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 10 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:17 AM / 4:43 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:15 AM CST) → ~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 **Largemouth plan: Follow shad into the backs of creeks and flats 1-10 ft; spinnerbait, squarebill and topwater at a fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~61°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a river (10-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Most likely menu: threadfin and gizzard shad on creek mouths and bends, with bluegill around docks and wood.

ALSO BITING

Crappie: brush and creek channels with minnows and jigs. Catfish: cut bait near deeper navigation holes on warm nights.

PRESSURE

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

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. Generation schedule and flows below are copied from the operator as posted at the Cast pull — schedules change; re-check the operator page the morning you fish. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
R.E. "Bob" Woodruff Lake — Jones Bluff Powerhouse (R.F. Henry L&D)	Mon 11/16: 4 AM - 7 AM CT 15 MW, 7 AM - 8 AM CT 41 MW, 8 AM - 10 AM CT 81 MW, 4 PM - 5 PM CT 30 MW, 5 PM - 9 PM CT 48 MW · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — USACE Mobile District generation schedule	USACE Mobile District
Millers Ferry Lock & Dam (Wm. "Bill" Dannelly)	Mon 11/16: 5 AM - 6 AM ET 24 MW, 6 AM - 11 AM ET 48 MW, 5 PM - 11 PM ET 48 MW · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — USACE Mobile District generation schedule Observed: pool 80.22 ft (Mon 3:30 AM CT)	USACE Mobile District
Permit / regs	Start at the USACE Gunter Hill / Woodruff corridor public banks and posted Prattville day-use shoreline where parking puts you within a short walk of riprap, creek mouths, and shaded pockets.	
Clarity	Spinnerbait white/chartreuse on stained creek mouths after a cell.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at the USACE Gunter Hill / Woodruff corridor public banks and posted Prattville day-use shoreline where parking puts you within a short walk of riprap, creek mouths, and shaded pockets. Confirm fees and hours before you go.

KAYAK

Launch into protected Woodruff creek arms and backwaters away from main-channel barge and ski traffic. The storm chance makes open river a poorer paddle — have a bailout shoreline and a lightning plan. Never sit in a dam-end boil.

BOAT

Launch early from a Gunter Hill / Prattville-corridor ramp or a Millers Ferry callout launch when open, and plan the day in three acts. Late morning through afternoon, rotate to docks, shade, and deeper channel swings — mark bait height before the first cast. Evening, revisit shallow shade.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or popper in bone / chrome at first light on slick creek mouths. Buzzbait black/chartreuse along shady banks evenings. Skip open-water topwater when lightning is close.

MID

Squarebill citrus or sexy shad along riprap and laydowns. Spinnerbait white/chartreuse on stained creek mouths after a cell. Soft swimbait for suspended fish over channel swings once the sun is high.

BOTTOM

Green pumpkin creature on a Texas rig for wood and grass edges. Football jig brown/orange on bend drops when current is present. Carolina-rig or Texas-rig craw when fish slide deeper mid-day.