FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Clay County Public Lake (Fred R. Harders) area

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Alabama

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 10–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **61–67°F**, lows **36–43°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

61° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	E 0–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:14 AM / 4:39 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

63° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:15 AM / 4:39 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

67° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 5–10 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:16 AM / 4:38 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 (6:14 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. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~60°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA

NATURAL FORAGE

Most likely menu: bluegill and juvenile sunfish around brush and piers, plus any shad or threadfin the lake carries in open pockets. Hatch reports are thin on PFLs — match what you see along the bank and any surface pops at dawn.

ALSO BITING

Bream / bluegill on the same brush the bass use. Catfish on deeper holes and night edges where allowed.

PRESSURE

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

ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

WATER BOARD — LAKE CHEAT SHEET

FIXED Natural / small-impoundment water — no generation table. Check access rules and level notes with the managing agency before you go.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Confirm	OA lake page	outdooralabama.com
Permit / regs	Confirm the Outdoor Alabama lake page before you buy the permit.	
Clarity	Clarity and color confirm at the ramp; after a hard rain pulse expect a stained edge and fish the cleaner seams along points, brush, and the first drop off the bank.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Primary public bank and pier access is on-site at Clay County Public Lake (Fred R. Harders) — work the permitted shoreline, piers, and any posted day-use banks. Named access: the ADCNR PFL facility at (Clay County (Fred R.

KAYAK

Launch at the named on-site PFL ramp when open and permitted; confirm ramp and parking before you strap the boat. Fish shoreline cover, points, and protected pockets — these lakes are small enough that a full lap is a morning, not a expedition.

BOAT

Launch early at the on-site PFL ramp when open — confirm ramp status and depth after heavy overnight rain before you trailer. Fish bait, birds, and cover. Soft traffic; a sunny lull between cells can pack a small ramp fast.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait bone/chrome at dawn on slick banks. Poppers over brush pockets between cells. Soft buzzbait along shaded edges when cloud cover holds.

MID

Spinnerbait white/chartreuse when a breeze or outflow chops the surface. Soft swimbait for suspended fish off points. Squarebill citrus on any riprap or hard bank.

BOTTOM

Green pumpkin creature or Texas-rig worm in brush. Weightless stick bait for pressure-shy fish after a crowd pulse. Compact jig on the first break off the bank.