FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Coosa Mid-Chain area

Coosa Mid-Chain

Alabama

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

9/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 10–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **65–71°F**, lows **34–41°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

65° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:17 AM / 4:41 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

67° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:18 AM / 4:41 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

71° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:19 AM / 4:40 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:17 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 ~59°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 main-lake points and creek mouths, with bluegill around docks and grass.

ALSO BITING

Crappie: fall brush and creek channels — minnows and jigs around Logan Martin docks and Neely Henry arms. Catfish: cut bait near deeper channel swings 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
Neely Henry Dam	Mon 11/16: 5 AM - 10 AM CT 1 unit running, 5 PM - 9 PM CT 1 unit running · Tue 11/17: 5 AM - 10 AM CT 1 unit running, 5 PM - 9 PM CT 1 unit running · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — Alabama Power Shorelines lake level & operating schedule Observed: pool 507.02 ft (Mon 4:28 AM CT); generation output + spillway (as posted) 0 cfs (Mon 4:28 AM CT)	Alabama Power
Logan Martin Dam	Mon 11/16: 5 AM - 8 AM CT 1 unit running, 5 PM - 8 PM CT 1 unit running · Tue 11/17: 5 AM - 9 AM CT 1 unit running, 5 PM - 8 PM CT 1 unit running · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — Alabama Power Shorelines lake level & operating schedule Observed: pool 462.94 ft (Mon 4:28 AM CT); generation output + spillway (as posted) 0 cfs (Mon 4:28 AM CT)	Alabama Power
Lay Dam	Mon 11/16: 12 AM - 1 AM CT 1 unit running, 5 AM - midnight CT 1 unit running · Tue 11/17: 12 AM - 1 AM CT 1 unit running, 5 AM - midnight CT 1 unit running · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — Alabama Power Shorelines lake level & operating schedule Observed: pool 395.91 ft (Mon 4:28 AM CT); generation output + spillway (as posted) 4,599 cfs (Mon 4:28 AM CT)	Alabama Power
Permit / regs	Start at Pell City Lakeside Park on Logan Martin and posted day-use banks on Neely Henry and Lay where parking puts you within a short walk of grass edges, riprap, and shaded pockets.	
Clarity	Spinnerbait white/chartreuse on stained creek mouths when the breeze puts a chop on the bank.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at Pell City Lakeside Park on Logan Martin and posted day-use banks on Neely Henry and Lay where parking puts you within a short walk of grass edges, riprap, and shaded pockets. Confirm park fees and hours before you go.

KAYAK

Launch into protected Logan Martin and Neely Henry creek arms and grass flats away from main-channel ski traffic. The northeast breeze makes open water a poorer paddle; tuck into the arms and work grass edges, shade lines, and the first drop. On Lay, stick to protected pockets and never sit in a discharge boil.

BOAT

Launch early from Pell City Lakeside Park or a Neely Henry / Lay public ramp when open, and plan the day in three acts. Evening, revisit shallow shade as the sun drops. Soft weekday recreational pressure this window — still give kayakers in the arms plenty of room, and stay outside every APC restricted line.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or popper in bone / chrome at first light on Logan Martin grass points. Whopper-style plopper over hydrilla tops on slick mornings. Buzzbait black/chartreuse along shady seawalls evenings.

MID

Squarebill citrus or sexy shad along riprap and dock lines. Spinnerbait white/chartreuse on stained creek mouths when the breeze puts a chop on the bank. Soft swimbait for suspended fish over channel swings once the sun is high.

BOTTOM

Green pumpkin or junebug creature on a Texas rig for grass holes. Football jig brown/orange on bluff ends and ledge drops when current is present. Drop-shot shad pattern for clearer Lay pockets mid-day.