Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for DeKalb County Public Lake area

DeKalb County Public Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

9/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 5–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **60–65°F**, lows **33–39°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

60° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:17 AM / 4:38 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

62° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:18 AM / 4:37 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

65° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ESE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:19 AM / 4:36 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: E → ESE · 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. 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 ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

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

ALSO BITING

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

PRESSURE

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

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 confirms at the ramp.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Primary public bank and pier access is on-site at DeKalb County Public Lake. Named access: the ADCNR PFL facility at (DeKalb County). Work permitted shoreline, piers, and posted day-use banks — points, brush edges, and shaded pockets at first light before the sun hardens the flat.

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 — a full lap is often a morning, not an expedition. PFD , whistle, dry bag for permit paperwork.

BOAT

Launch early at the on-site PFL ramp when open — confirm ramp status after overnight rain before you trailer. Fish bait, birds, and cover. Idle slow near bank anglers.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait bone/chrome at dawn on slick banks. Poppers over brush pockets. Soft buzzbait under any cloud cover.

MID

Spinnerbait white/chartreuse when a breeze chops. Soft swimbait off points. Squarebill citrus on hard banks or riprap.

BOTTOM

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