Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lewis Smith area

Lewis Smith

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
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 5–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **63–69°F**, lows **34–40°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

63° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ENE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:21 AM / 4:43 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

65° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:22 AM / 4:43 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

69° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:23 AM / 4:42 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:21 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: threadfin and gizzard shad on main-lake points, with bluegill around docks and rocky banks.

ALSO BITING

Striped bass: watch main-lake bait schools and dam-end legal water when shad compress — legal and safe water only. Crappie: brush and creek channels with minnows and jigs.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

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
Lewis Smith Dam	Mon 11/16: 6 AM - 7 AM CT 1 unit running · Tue 11/17: 5 AM - 7 AM CT 1 unit running · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — Alabama Power Shorelines lake level & operating schedule Observed: pool 498.00 ft (Mon 4:29 AM CT); generation output + spillway (as posted) 0 cfs (Mon 4:29 AM CT)	Alabama Power
Permit / regs	Start at Smith Lake Park (Cullman County) day-use banks and posted public shoreline near Crane Hill where parking puts you within a short walk of rocky points, riprap, and shaded pockets.	
Clarity	Rain chances stay near zero, so the story is clear water, light, and bait height rather than fronts.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at Smith Lake Park (Cullman County) day-use banks and posted public shoreline near Crane Hill where parking puts you within a short walk of rocky points, riprap, and shaded pockets. Confirm park fees and hours before you go.

KAYAK

Launch into protected Smith creek arms such as Ryan Creek and similar rocky pockets away from main-lake ski traffic. The north-northeast breeze makes open fetches a poorer paddle; tuck into the arms and work points, shade lines, and the first break. Never sit in a dam-end boil.

BOAT

Launch early from Smith Lake Park or a Crane Hill / Cullman corridor 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 at Smith Dam.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or popper in bone / chrome at first light on Smith points. Tiny buzzbait black/blue along shady banks evenings. Whopper-style plopper only when bait is clearly up on a slick pocket.

MID

Spinnerbait white/chartreuse on breezy point edges. Soft swimbait on a light jighead for suspended fish over channel swings. Squarebill citrus along riprap and dock lines mid-morning.

BOTTOM

Green pumpkin shaky head or drop-shot shad pattern for clear mid-day water. Brown football jig on bluff ends and point drops. Ned-rig or small creature when fish get picky under high sun.