Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Tallapoosa — Martin + Harris area

Tallapoosa — Martin + Harris

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10 — Strong odds

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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 **64–71°F**, lows **36–44°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

64° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	NE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:14 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	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:15 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	44°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 5–10 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:16 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 (6:14 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 ~61°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

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

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
Martin Dam	Mon 11/16: 5 AM - 6 AM CT 1 unit running, 6 AM - 9 AM CT 2 units running, 9 AM - 10 AM CT 1 unit running, 4 PM - 6 PM CT 1 unit running, 6 PM - 9 PM CT 2 units running, 9 PM - 10 PM CT 1 unit running · Tue 11/17: 5 AM - 6 AM CT 1 unit running, 6 AM - 9 AM CT 2 units running, 9 AM - 10 AM CT 1 unit running, 4 PM - 6 PM CT 1 unit running, 6 PM - 9 PM CT 2 units running, 9 PM - 10 PM CT 1 unit running · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — Alabama Power Shorelines lake level & operating schedule Observed: pool 484.93 ft (Mon 4:29 AM CT); generation output + spillway (as posted) 4,303 cfs (Mon 4:29 AM CT)	Alabama Power
R.L. Harris Dam	Mon 11/16: 5 AM - 7 AM CT 1 unit running, noon - 1 PM CT 1 unit running, 6 PM - 7 PM CT 1 unit running · Tue 11/17: 6 AM - 7 AM CT 1 unit running, noon - 1 PM CT 1 unit running, 6 PM - 7 PM CT 1 unit running · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — Alabama Power Shorelines lake level & operating schedule Observed: pool 787.01 ft (Mon 4:29 AM CT); generation output + spillway (as posted) 0 cfs (Mon 4:29 AM CT)	Alabama Power
Permit / regs	Start at Wind Creek State Park on Lake Martin day-use banks where parking puts you within a short walk of rocky points, riprap, and shaded pockets.	
Clarity	Clear water rewards quiet approaches once the sun is high.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at Wind Creek State Park on Lake Martin day-use banks where parking puts you within a short walk of rocky points, riprap, and shaded pockets. Confirm park fees and hours before you go. Walk the first-light point while the surface is still slick, then slide to dock shade as the sun climbs.

KAYAK

Launch into protected Martin creek arms and pockets away from main-lake ski traffic. The storm chance makes open water a poorer paddle — have a bailout shoreline and a lightning plan. Never sit in a Martin or Harris dam boil.

BOAT

Launch early from Wind Creek State Park or an Alexander City–corridor public ramp when open, and plan the day in three acts. Evening, revisit shallow shade. Soft weekday recreational pressure this window — still give kayakers room, and stay outside every APC restricted line.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or popper in bone / chrome at first light on Martin points. Tiny buzzbait black/blue along shady banks evenings. Skip open-water topwater when lightning is close.

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 when fish get picky under high sun.