Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for TN River AL Chain area

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Alabama

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

10/10 — Strong odds

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

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **62–66°F**, lows **39–45°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

62° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:19 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	42°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:19 AM / 4:39 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

66° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ESE 5 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:20 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 → ESE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:19 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 ~58°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 still schooling on main-lake points and creek mouths, with bluegill and shad-sized bait around docks and grass.

ALSO BITING

Crappie: fall brush and creek channels — minnows and jigs around Guntersville creek arms and Wheeler docks. Catfish (channel / blue): cut shad near deeper channel swings, especially Wheeler and Pickwick navigation holes 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
Guntersville Dam	Mon 11/16: Midnight - 8 AM CST 1, 8 AM - Midnight CST 2 or more · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — TVA Observed: pool 594.08 ft (4 AM CST); outflow 25,751 cfs (4 AM CST)	TVA
Wheeler Dam	Mon 11/16: Midnight - Midnight CST 2 or more · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — TVA Observed: pool 552.37 ft (4 AM CST); outflow 19,713 cfs (4 AM CST)	TVA
Wilson Dam	Mon 11/16: Midnight - Midnight CST 2 or more · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — TVA Observed: pool 506.93 ft (4 AM CST); outflow 21,239 cfs (4 AM CST)	TVA
Pickwick Dam	Mon 11/16: Midnight - 8 AM CST 4 or more, 8 AM - 9 AM CST 3, 9 AM - Midnight CST 2 · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — TVA Observed: pool 409.19 ft (4 AM CST); outflow 35,193 cfs (4 AM CST)	TVA
Permit / regs	Start at Lake Guntersville State Park along the Town Creek arm and the park's public piers, where day-use parking puts you within a short walk of seawalls and grass 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 Lake Guntersville State Park along the Town Creek arm and the park's public piers, where day-use parking puts you within a short walk of seawalls and grass pockets. Confirm park fees and hours before you go. Walk the first light grass line while the surface is still slick, then slide to shaded seawalls as the sun climbs.

KAYAK

Launch into protected Guntersville creek arms such as South Sauty and similar grass flats away from main-channel ski traffic. The northeast breeze makes the open lake a poorer paddle; tuck into the arms and work grass edges, shade lines, and the first drop.

BOAT

Launch early from the ADCNR Waterfront Public Boat Ramp / Guntersville hub or a Decatur-corridor ramp on Wheeler, and plan the day in three acts. Evening, revisit shallow shade as the sun drops. Florence–Muscle Shoals corridor covers Wilson and Pickwick launches.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or popper in bone / chrome at first light on Guntersville grass points. Whopper-style plopper over hydrilla tops when the surface is slick. Buzzbait in black/chartreuse along shady seawalls evenings.

MID

Squarebill in 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 on a light jighead 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 clear Wilson/Pickwick pockets mid-day.