FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Washington County Public Lake (J. Emmett Wood)

Alabama

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

Weather

National Weather Service forecast for Washington County Public Lake (J. Emmett Wood) area

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 12°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 5–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~5%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **62–74°F**, lows **39–47°F**, rain chance up to **~5%**. 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	Partly Sunny
WIND	NE 5 mph
RAIN	~5%
SUN	6:22 AM / 4:53 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

70° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:23 AM / 4:53 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

74° F high

LOW	47°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 5–10 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:23 AM / 4:53 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 (6:22 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 ~64°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA

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.

ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature 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	After rain pulses expect stained edges and fish cleaner seams along points, brush, and the first drop.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Primary public bank and pier access is on-site at Washington County Public Lake (J. Emmett Wood) when open. Named access: the ADCNR PFL facility at (Washington County (J.

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 on this small water. 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 between cells. Poppers over brush pockets. Soft buzzbait under storm light.

MID

Spinnerbait white/chartreuse when outflow chops the surface. Soft swimbait off points. Squarebill citrus on hard banks.

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.