Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Bartlett area

Bartlett

Arizona
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Mountain Standard Time · Largemouth · Smallmouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

2/10

Stay off the water

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 11°F swing	– Lightning in forecast	– Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	– Rain up to ~68%	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **67–78°F**, lows **48–58°F**, rain chance up to **~68%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

78° F high

LOW	58°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	ESE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~19%
SUN	6:59 AM / 5:22 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

67° F high

LOW	48°F
SKY	Showers And Thunderstorms Likely
WIND	S 0–15 mph
RAIN	~68%
SUN	7:00 AM / 5:22 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

69° F high

LOW	48°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:01 AM / 5:21 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:59 AM MST) → ~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 ~66°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA

NATURAL FORAGE

Threadfin shad are the main forage, moving toward points and coves in fall. Look for surface activity at dawn, birds working bait, and clouds of shad on your graph near points and channel bends.

ALSO BITING

Flathead catfish are a Bartlett specialty; fish live bait where legal on deep channel swings at night. Channel catfish bite on cut bait.

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

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by Salt River Project for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 — check the operator page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Bartlett Dam	No generation schedule posted by Salt River Project for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,792.96 ft (Sun 11/15); reservoir release today (SRP) 1,098 cfs (Sun 11/15)	Salt River Project
Permit / regs	The best shore access is at Forest Service sites along Bartlett Dam Road, including Rattlesnake Cove and SB Cove, where day-use parking puts you near rocky points and coves.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The best shore access is at Forest Service sites along Bartlett Dam Road, including Rattlesnake Cove and SB Cove, where day-use parking puts you near rocky points and coves. A Tonto Pass is required. Start on wind-facing points with a spinnerbait or squarebill, since bait gets pushed onto those banks.

KAYAK

Launch from the Jojoba Boating Site or the Yellow Cliffs Boating Site early, before boat traffic builds. On breezy, stay in protected coves and work brush, rock transitions, and shade lines. are better paddling days, with light wind and calm water.

BOAT

Launch early from Bartlett Lake Marina or the Jojoba Boating Site. From first light to about 9 AM, run main-lake points and the mouths of coves, watching for bass chasing shad. Mid-morning, move to brush piles, rock transitions, and ledges.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or popper at dawn on main-lake points, best on calm. Buzzbait along wind-blown rock morning.

MID

White spinnerbait on breezy points. Shad-colored squarebill along rocky transitions. Swimbait on a jighead for bass suspended near brush.

BOTTOM

Green pumpkin Texas-rigged worm in brush. Football jig on deep points. Drop shot with a natural minnow-style bait on ledges during the calm afternoon.