FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for C.C. Cragin Reservoir area

C.C. Cragin Reservoir

Arizona

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

2/10

Stay off the water

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 16°F swing	− Lightning in forecast	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	− Rain up to ~87%	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **42–52°F**, lows **25–41°F**, rain chance up to **~87%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

52° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 2–7 mph
RAIN	~61%
SUN	6:59 AM / 5:19 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

42° F high

LOW	25°F
SKY	Showers And Thunderstorms
WIND	S 9–15 mph
RAIN	~87%
SUN	7:00 AM / 5:19 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

46° F high

LOW	28°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Sunny
WIND	S 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:01 AM / 5:18 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: S · 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: Slow down: steep points, channel drops and remaining grass just outside the creeks, between the fall flats and the 15-30 ft winter depth; suspending jerkbait with long pauses, jig-and-pig or blade bait crawled down the slope.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the late fall transition — water under the mid-50s, so bass are sliding off the shallow flats toward steeper points and channel drops near their fall feeding areas.

Basis: estimated water ~52°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Most likely menu: shad or threadfin in open pockets where the lake carries them, plus bluegill and juvenile sunfish around brush and docks. Match what you see along the bank at dawn.

ALSO BITING

Channel catfish on deeper edges after dark where allowed. Crappie soft language on brush if the lake carries timber.

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 — CONFIRM BEFORE YOU LAUNCH

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No shared generation/level feed this cycle — check the agency page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Permit / regs	Work permitted shoreline, points, and any posted piers or day-use banks at first light before the sun climbs.	
Clarity	Clarity confirms at the ramp.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Primary bank access is at C.C. Cragin Reservoir / Blue Ridge recreation access (Tonto NF). Work permitted shoreline, points, and any posted piers or day-use banks at first light before the sun climbs.

KAYAK

Launch at C.C. Cragin Reservoir / Blue Ridge recreation access (Tonto NF) when the ramp and parking are open. Fish protected coves, windward points on light breeze days, and shade pockets once the sun is up.

BOAT

Plan dawn at C.C. Cragin Reservoir / Blue Ridge recreation access (Tonto NF): topwater and spinnerbait on points and bait, then docks, brush, and the first drop as light hardens. Confirm ramp depth and any lake-level notices before you trailer.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or popper at dawn on slick points. Soft buzzbait along shade edges when cloud cover holds.

MID

Spinnerbait white/chartreuse when a breeze chops the surface. Soft swimbait for suspended fish off points. Squarebill on any riprap.

BOTTOM

Green pumpkin creature or Texas-rig worm in brush. Dropshot or shaky head on the first break when fish suspend.