Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Pleasant area

Lake Pleasant

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
+ Mostly stable	– Lightning in forecast	– Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	– Rain up to ~66%	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **69–78°F**, lows **48–58°F**, rain chance up to **~66%**. 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 5–10 mph
RAIN	~46%
SUN	7:02 AM / 5:25 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

69° F high

LOW	48°F
SKY	Showers And Thunderstorms Likely
WIND	SSW 5–15 mph
RAIN	~66%
SUN	7:03 AM / 5:24 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	50°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ENE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:04 AM / 5:24 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 → SSW → ENE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:02 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 ~64°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

NATURAL FORAGE

Threadfin shad are the main forage in Lake Pleasant, and stripers, white bass, and largemouth all key on them. Watch for surface boils, birds diving on bait, and clouds of shad on your graph near points and humps.

ALSO BITING

Striped bass and white bass are a big part of Pleasant's fishery; small spoons, swimbaits, and topwater work when they are schooling. Crappie hold in deeper brush and around marina structure.

PRESSURE

Weekday traffic — lighter than the weekend. Fish early, give ramps and swim areas room.

response); no water-temperature 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	The best shore access is inside Lake Pleasant Regional Park, where day-use areas near the Main Ramp and the Four Lane Ramp put you close to rocky points and coves.	
Clarity	Agua Fria arm (north) Natural creek inflow is a trickle, so expect clear water and no current.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The best shore access is inside Lake Pleasant Regional Park, where day-use areas near the Main Ramp and the Four Lane Ramp put you close to rocky points and coves. Pay the park entry fee at the gate and park in designated day-use lots.

KAYAK

Launch from the Four Lane Ramp or a quieter corner near the Main Ramp early, before boat traffic builds. On gusty, skip the open basin and paddle into the Castle Creek arm or nearby coves where rock walls block the east wind. Fish brush, rock transitions, and shade lines with a shaky head and a weightless stick bait.

BOAT

Launch at first light from the Main Ramp, Scorpion Bay Marina, or Pleasant Harbor Marina. Spend the first hour watching for stripers and white bass busting shad off main-lake points and humps, and be ready with a topwater or spoon.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or popper in shad patterns at dawn on points. A spoon or topwater ready for striper and white bass boils, especially mornings.

MID

White spinnerbait or lipless crankbait on the windy points. Shad-colored crankbait along rock transitions. A swimbait on a jighead for bass and stripers suspended near bait.

BOTTOM

Green pumpkin or watermelon Texas-rigged worm in brush. Football jig on deep points. Drop shot with a natural minnow imitation on humps and ledges during the hot middle of the day.