FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Willow Creek Reservoir area

Willow Creek 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 25 mph · unsafe chop	− Rain up to ~81%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **53–64°F**, lows **29–45°F**, rain chance up to **~81%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

64° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SE 3–15 mph
RAIN	~70%
SUN	7:04 AM / 5:24 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

53° F high

LOW	29°F
SKY	Showers And Thunderstorms
WIND	S 12–25 mph
RAIN	~81%
SUN	7:05 AM / 5:23 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

55° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SE 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:06 AM / 5:23 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:04 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.

Basis: estimated water ~56°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

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.

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 Willow Creek Reservoir public ramp (Prescott area). Work permitted shoreline, points, and any posted piers or day-use banks at first light before the sun climbs. On this water, start on shade lines, brush, rock transitions, and the first break you can reach without crowding other anglers.

KAYAK

Launch at Willow Creek Reservoir public ramp (Prescott area) when the ramp and parking are open. Fish protected coves, windward points on light breeze days, and shade pockets once the sun is up. Afternoons can bring open-water chop on larger fetches — have a bailout bank and get off the water for lightning.

BOAT

Plan dawn at Willow Creek Reservoir public ramp (Prescott area): 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.