Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Cove Lake area

# Cove Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

**8**/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| + Mostly stable | + No lightning | + 5–5 mph usable ripple | + Clear / sunny (~0%) | ~ Fall transition · turnover | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **61–66°F**, lows **34–43°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

## THREE-DAY WEATHER

### MONDAY NOV 16

**61°** F high

| | |
|---|---|
| LOW | 34°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | NE 5 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | — |

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

### TUESDAY NOV 17

**63°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 36°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | E 0–5 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | — |

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

### WEDNESDAY NOV 18

**66°** F high

| | |
|---|---|
| LOW | 43°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | SSE 0–5 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | — |

*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 → SSE · Bite window: dawn + last light

## HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

### MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (first light 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 ~62°F — statewide median of 24 lake estimates from the observed air record (NOAA ACIS) — no

### NATURAL FORAGE

**Most likely menu: shad or threadfin in open pockets where the lake carries them, plus bluegill 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.

coordinates on file for this lake; 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 | Work permitted shoreline, points, and posted piers at first light. | |
| Clarity | Ramp-side clarity · agency notices. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

Primary bank access is at Cove Lake recreation area ramp (Ozark NF). Work permitted shoreline, points, and posted piers at first light. Start on shade lines, brush, and the first break.

### KAYAK

Launch at Cove Lake recreation area ramp (Ozark NF) when the ramp and parking are open. Fish protected coves and windward points on light-breeze days. Have a bailout bank and get off the water for lightning.

### BOAT

Plan dawn at Cove Lake recreation area ramp (Ozark NF): topwater and spinnerbait on points and bait, then docks, brush, and the first drop. Confirm ramp status before you trailer. Soft weekday pressure still rises after mid-morning — launch early.

## 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 off points. Squarebill on riprap.

### BOTTOM

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