Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Ouachita area

Ouachita

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 12°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 5–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **62–68°F**, lows **36–48°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

62° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ENE 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:47 AM / 5:07 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

64° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ESE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:48 AM / 5:07 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

68° F high

LOW	48°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:49 AM / 5:06 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:47 AM 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 — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 1 nearby

NATURAL FORAGE

Threadfin and gizzard shad are the main food on Ouachita, and in fall they start drifting back toward the creek arms and shallow points.

ALSO BITING

Crappie: brush piles and deeper standing timber with small jigs and minnows at dawn and dusk; the bite should improve as nights cool. Catfish: channel and flathead feed on warm nights; cut bait on deep channel swings and points.

PRESSURE

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

USGS lake gauge; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE MVK 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
Blakely Mountain Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE MVK for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 568.59 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE MVK
Permit / regs	The best public bank access for this product is the Brady Mountain Resort & Marina / public access corridor near Royal west of Hot Springs, where day-use parking and public shoreline put you within a short walk of rocky points and timbered coves.	
Clarity	USACE Little Rock District / Vicksburg District lake page · ramp-side clarity.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

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KAYAK

Launch from the Brady Mountain public ramp when the lane is usable at current lake level, and confirm with USACE recreation notices that the ramp is open before you load up. Are the quieter paddle days: drift brushy pockets and fish the first ledge with a shaky head or drop shot.

BOAT

Launch early from Brady Mountain or another open USACE ramp in the Royal corridor and plan the morning in three steps. Mid-morning, move to brush piles, timber edges, and rock transitions in the arms. By late morning, use electronics to find bass on deeper points and channel swings, and fish jigs and Carolina rigs slowly.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait in bone or chrome at dawn on main-lake points, especially calm. Popper over submerged brush in the arms. Buzzbait in white along a lightly rippled point face on the first hour.

MID

White or white-chartreuse spinnerbait on breezy or rippled points. Shad-colored squarebill on riprap and rock transitions. Soft swimbait on a light jighead for bass suspended over brush when the sun is high.

BOTTOM

Green pumpkin Texas-rigged creature bait in brush. Brown or green football jig on point drops. Drop shot with a natural minnow-style worm on deeper ledges during the slick, bright middle of.