Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Berryessa area

Lake Berryessa

California
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Pacific Time · Spotted

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	− Up to 17 mph · open-water chop	− Rain up to ~100%	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **54–60°F**, lows **44–49°F**, rain chance up to **~100%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

60° F high

LOW	44°F
SKY	Patchy Fog
WIND	SSW 2 mph
RAIN	~21%
SUN	6:51 AM / 4:55 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

59° F high

LOW	49°F
SKY	Areas Of Fog then Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 0–5 mph
RAIN	~100%
SUN	6:52 AM / 4:54 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

54° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Rain
WIND	SSE 6–17 mph
RAIN	~100%
SUN	6:54 AM / 4:53 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:51 AM PST) → ~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 **Spotted bass plan: Run main-lake and secondary points 5-20 ft; topwater, spybait and swimbait on schooling fish, fast.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Spotted bass 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 ~59°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

NATURAL FORAGE

Spawning is long over, and the fish are following threadfin shad around points, rock transitions and creek-arm mouths. No public water temperature reading was found for this Cast, so let your electronics guide you: mark shad, then fish just below them.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth bass hold in the backs of coves around brush and docks, and a jig or Texas-rigged worm works best in shade. Smallmouth bass show on cleaner rock, especially on the northern end.

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

WATER BOARD — LAKE CHEAT SHEET

FIXED Natural / small-impoundment water — no generation table. Check access rules and level notes with the managing agency before you go.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Permit / regs	Check the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations for any water-specific exceptions before you keep fish.	
Clarity	Water clarity is good in the main lake, so light line and natural colors matter.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Oak Shores Day Use Area on the west shore has a long run of rocky points and coves within a short walk of parking, and Smittle Creek Day Use Area just north offers more room. Cast a small walking bait or a spinnerbait across points at first light, then switch to a drop-shot with a small worm as the sun climbs.

KAYAK

Launch from Oak Shores or the Capell Cove launch on the west shore and paddle to the nearest points and creek-arm mouths before boat traffic builds. Near-calm winds this week make Berryessa ideal for kayaks in the morning.

BOAT

The free Capell Cove launch ramp on the west shore, run by Reclamation, and the marina ramps at Markley Cove near the dam and Pleasure Cove on the south end give you access to the main lake and creek arms.

LURE BOX

TOP

A small walking bait or popper on main-lake points at first light, in bone, chrome or clear shad colors for glassy water.

MID

A small swimbait or spinnerbait over points and creek-arm mouths when shad are up.

BOTTOM

A drop-shot with a small worm, a shakey head, or a compact jig on the first break at 15 to 30 feet. Green pumpkin and natural shad hues work best. Match size to threadfin shad and small bluegill.