FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Castaic Lake area

Castaic Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 10–10 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~91%	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **60–65°F**, lows **41–49°F**, rain chance up to **~91%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

65° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Chance Light Rain
WIND	WSW 5–10 mph
RAIN	~44%
SUN	6:28 AM / 4:49 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

60° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NNW 10 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:29 AM / 4:48 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

60° F high

LOW	49°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny then Chance Light Rain
WIND	WSW 0–10 mph
RAIN	~91%
SUN	6:30 AM / 4:48 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: WSW → NNW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:28 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 **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 ~65°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

NATURAL FORAGE

Bass feed hardest in low light, moving up onto points and cove edges to chase baitfish, then slide back to deeper structure or shade as the sun gets high. No public water temperature reading was found for this Cast, so lean on your electronics to find baitfish

ALSO BITING

Striped bass roam the upper lake after shad and can show up in surface boils at dawn, where a spoon or swimbait thrown into the commotion often works. Rainbow trout stay deep in warm weather.

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.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Castaic Lagoon, the smaller lower lake inside the Castaic Lake State Recreation Area, is the easiest bank option, with shoreline paths near parking. At first light, cast a small swimbait, a spinnerbait or a weightless soft plastic along the edges and near any vegetation, then switch to a drop-shot or Texas rig as the sun climbs.

KAYAK

Castaic Lagoon allows non-powered craft and electric motors, which makes it a calm, safe place for kayaks away from big-lake boat traffic. Launch at first light and work the shoreline with a small swimbait or topwater, then fish a drop-shot near drop-offs as the sun rises.

BOAT

The upper (main) lake has two launch ramps, the West Ramp and the East Ramp, inside the Castaic Lake State Recreation Area. Expect a mussel inspection before launch, and arrive clean, drained and dry.

LURE BOX

TOP

A walking bait or popper at first light and dusk near points and cove edges, in shad or bone colors.

MID

A small to mid-size swimbait or spinnerbait around points and shade lines when baitfish are active.

BOTTOM

A drop-shot, shakey head, Texas-rigged worm or jig on deeper structure during the bright hours. Green pumpkin, brown and natural tones work best. Match size to threadfin shad, small bluegill and crawfish.