FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Diamond Valley Lake area

Diamond Valley Lake

California

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

2/10

Stay off the water

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	− Lightning in forecast	+ 5–10 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~77%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **63–70°F**, lows **43–50°F**, rain chance up to **~77%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

70° F high

LOW	50°F
SKY	Showers And Thunderstorms
WIND	SW 0–10 mph
RAIN	~77%
SUN	6:20 AM / 4:44 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

63° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Slight Chance Rain Showers then Sunny
WIND	SW 5–10 mph
RAIN	~20%
SUN	6:21 AM / 4:44 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

64° F high

LOW	46°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 0–5 mph
RAIN	~48%
SUN	6:22 AM / 4:43 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:20 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.

Basis: estimated water ~58°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

Bass feed hardest at dawn and dusk, moving up onto points and humps after baitfish, then dropping deep during bright hours.

ALSO BITING

Striped bass roam the open lake after shad and can show up in surface boils at dawn, where a spoon or swimbait often works. Bluegill, redear sunfish and other panfish give shore anglers and kids steady action near the marina.

PRESSURE

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

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 and the marina rules for any lake-specific limits before you keep fish.	
Clarity	A drop-shot, shakey head or jig does most of the work midday in this clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shore anglers should use the designated shoreline fishing area near the DVL Marina at 2615 Angler Avenue in Hemet, since much of the shoreline is closed to the public. At first light, cast a small swimbait, a spinnerbait or a weightless soft plastic along drop-offs, then switch to a drop-shot or Texas rig as the sun climbs.

KAYAK

Diamond Valley has specific rules on what kinds of private boats and paddle craft may launch, so check with DVL Marina before you bring a kayak. If yours is allowed, launch at first light from the marina and stay near the coves and points close by, away from the main lake.

BOAT

DVL Marina at 2615 Angler Avenue in Hemet has the launch ramp and also rents boats, which is the easiest way out for many visitors. Expect an inspection for invasive mussels before launch, and arrive clean, drained and dry.

LURE BOX

TOP

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

MID

A small to mid-size swimbait along points and humps, especially when the afternoon breeze ripples the water.

BOTTOM

A drop-shot, shakey head or jig on deep points, humps and rock piles during the bright hours. Green pumpkin, brown and natural shad tones work best in clear water. Match size to threadfin shad, small bluegill and crawfish.