Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

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

# Lake Isabella

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

## BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

**2**/10 — Poor odds

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| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ~ 11°F swing | + No lightning | − Up to 25 mph · unsafe chop | − Rain up to ~94% | ~ Fall transition · turnover | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **52–63°F**, lows **33–42°F**, rain chance up to **~94%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

## THREE-DAY WEATHER

### MONDAY NOV 16

**63°** F high

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| LOW | 40°F |
| SKY | Mostly Sunny then Chance Light Rain |
| WIND | SSW 0–10 mph |
| RAIN | ~69% |
| SUN | 6:30 AM / 4:46 PM |

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

### TUESDAY NOV 17

**52°** F high

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| LOW | 33°F |
| SKY | Slight Chance Light Rain then Mostly Sunny |
| WIND | WSW 15–25 mph |
| RAIN | ~24% |
| SUN | 6:31 AM / 4:45 PM |

*Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.*

### WEDNESDAY NOV 18

**60°** F high

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| LOW | 42°F |
| SKY | Mostly Sunny then Light Rain Likely |
| WIND | SSE 0–10 mph |
| RAIN | ~94% |
| SUN | 6:32 AM / 4:45 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 → WSW → SSE · Bite window: dawn + last light

## HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

### MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:30 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 ~59°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

### NATURAL FORAGE

**Hot days in the upper 90s keep the water warm, so bass feed hardest in low light, moving up onto flats and points after baitfish, then dropping back to channel edges during the bright hours. What's on the menu: threadfin shad, small bluegill and crawfish are t**

### ALSO BITING

**Crappie school around submerged brush and channel edges, and a small jig or minnow fished slowly can find them. Channel catfish bite well at dusk and after dark on cut bait or nightcrawlers.**

### 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 steady

## 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

The shoreline at Engineers Point near the Main Dam, and around the Boulder Gulch and Paradise Cove areas, gives walk-up access to points and rocky banks. At first light, cast a small swimbait, a spinnerbait or a weightless soft plastic along points and drop-offs, then switch to a drop-shot or Texas rig as the sun climbs.

### KAYAK

Launch near North Fork Marina in Wofford Heights or from the Paradise Cove area and fish nearby coves, flats and points early. Isabella is known for strong afternoon winds on its long, open stretches, so plan to be off the water by late morning or stay close to shore in sheltered water.

### BOAT

French Gulch Marina near the Main Dam and North Fork Marina in Wofford Heights are the main bases, with launches also near the Auxiliary Dam and Boulder Gulch. At a low lake level, some ramps may be short or closed, so check with the Sequoia National Forest before you trailer.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

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

### MID

A small swimbait, spinnerbait or lipless crankbait across flats and windblown points when baitfish are active.

### BOTTOM

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