FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Cherry Creek Reservoir area

Cherry Creek Reservoir

Colorado

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 20 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **58–66°F**, lows **31–41°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

64° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SE 2–6 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:44 AM / 4:43 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

66° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSW 3–20 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:45 AM / 4:42 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

58° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 9–16 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:46 AM / 4:41 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SE → SSW → W · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:44 AM MST) → ~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: Slow down: steep points, channel drops and remaining grass just outside the creeks, between the fall flats and the 15-30 ft winter depth; suspending jerkbait with long pauses, jig-and-pig or blade bait crawled down the slope.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the late fall transition — water under the mid-50s, so bass are sliding off the shallow flats toward steeper points and channel drops near their fall feeding areas.

Basis: estimated water ~54°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Nights in the mid-50s are starting to cool the surface, but mid-80s afternoons keep the shallows warm, so fish split their day: up on shallow cover at dawn and dusk, then back to shade and the first drop when the sun is high. What's on the menu: small bluegill

ALSO BITING

Walleye are Cherry Creek's best-known fish, and warm, calm nights put them on points and flats at dusk and after dark. A crankbait or a jig and crawler on the same structure covers it.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM 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
Cherry Creek Dam & Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 5,545.69 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 16 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM
Clarity	A kayak is perfect for sliding a weightless stick bait or a light Texas-rig into shade lines and brushy pockets without spooking fish in clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Enter at the East Lehigh Avenue entrance and walk the shoreline around Pelican Point, where points and rocky edges drop into fishable water within a normal cast. From the west side, the East Union Avenue entrance puts you near the marina riprap, a reliable dawn stop for largemouth chasing small bluegill and shad.

KAYAK

The East Boat Ramp past Pelican Point is the quieter launch on a weekday morning and keeps you close to east-side points and coves. Work one stretch thoroughly rather than crossing the open middle, which turns choppy fast when the afternoon breeze builds.

BOAT

The West Boat Ramp by the marina, east of the Union Avenue entrance, and the East Boat Ramp both put you on the main lake within minutes. Start on shallow riprap and points with a topwater or squarebill at dawn, then idle the first break and look for bait on your electronics in 8 to 15 feet.

LURE BOX

TOP

A walking bait or buzzbait in bone or shad over calm riprap and points from first light until the sun clears the trees. On these still mornings, a hollow frog over shallow weed edges is worth a few casts.

MID

A squarebill in shad or bluegill colors bumped along riprap, plus a swim jig or spinnerbait along shade lines. Rippled banks are where a moving bait earns its spot.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged creature bait, compact jig, and drop-shot in green pumpkin and watermelon. In bright midday sun, a slow Texas-rig worked through shade and brush is the workhorse. Match size to small bluegill, crawfish, and young shad.