FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Jackson Lake area

Jackson Lake

Colorado

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 17 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~2%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **59–62°F**, lows **24–34°F**, rain chance up to **~2%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

60° F high

LOW	28°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSW 2–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:43 AM / 4:38 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

62° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SE 2–10 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:44 AM / 4:37 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

59° F high

LOW	24°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	WNW 9–17 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	6:45 AM / 4:37 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:43 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 **Walleye plan: Fish rock and gravel 10-25 ft at low light; jig and minnow or troll stickbaits, moderate.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Walleye are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~53°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

Public forage reports are thin, so watch the water: surface flickers at dawn mean a stickbait or crankbait; quiet water means a jig and crawler on the drop.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth and smallmouth hold around any shoreline cover and rock, and a squarebill or soft plastic works for both.

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
Confirm	Managing agency page for this water	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The west side of the lake, near the Shoreline Marina and the closed boat ramp, has easy parking and firm shoreline within a short walk. Cast a jig and nightcrawler or a shallow-running stickbait along the drop-off at first light and again from sunset into early dark.

KAYAK

Kayaks, canoes, and paddleboards can still go on the lake even though the ramp is closed to trailers. Hand-launch on the west side near the Shoreline Marina area and slowly troll a small crankbait along the shoreline drop at dawn, or drift a jig and crawler over flats nearby.

BOAT

The boat ramp on the west side of Jackson Lake is closed for the entire 2026 season, so trailered boats cannot launch this week. Anglers with a small boat can use a kayak or canoe instead, or plan a boat trip to another water with an open ramp. Watch the park page for 2027 ramp news, and call the office weekdays from 8 AM to 4 PM.

LURE BOX

TOP

A shallow-running stickbait or suspending jerkbait in silver, perch, or firetiger, cast parallel to shore at dawn and dusk when walleye push shallow.

MID

A small crankbait trolled slowly from a kayak along the drop-off, or a blade bait worked over flats. Rippled south-shore banks are the best spots.

BOTTOM

A jig and nightcrawler or jig and minnow on the drop-off, plus a bottom-bouncer rig from a kayak. Slow and steady wins in bright midday sun. Match size to gizzard shad and young perch where you see bait.