FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for John Martin Reservoir area

John Martin Reservoir

Colorado

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

4/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 14°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 25 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **56–70°F**, lows **32–45°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

56° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSE 5–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:33 AM / 4:39 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

70° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSW 5–25 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:34 AM / 4:38 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

67° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	WSW 5–25 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:35 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: SSE → SSW → WSW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:33 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: 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 ~57°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

After a summer of falling water and bare banks, fish now have flooded vegetation and brush to hide , and baitfish and crawfish move into that new cover too. What's on the menu: gizzard shad, young sunfish, and crawfish pushed into newly flooded grass and brush

ALSO BITING

Wiper often chase shad in open water early and late, so keep a white swimbait or spoon handy if gulls start working.

PRESSURE

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

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE SPA 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
John Martin Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE SPA for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 3,810.77 ft (Mon 4:15 AM CT)	USACE SPA
Clarity	That much runoff carries mud and debris, so expect stained to muddy water on the upper end and floating wood anywhere.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shoreline near the East Boat Ramp, closest to the dam on the northeast side, should have some of the clearest water on the lake, and newly flooded rock and grass nearby are prime largemouth cover at dawn. Below the dam, Lake Hasty has an accessible fishing pier on its west shoreline, a calm option away from the muddy upper end.

KAYAK

The West Boat Ramp is closed to trailered boats due to low water, but hand-launched canoes and kayaks can still use it. Colorado Parks and Wildlife has posted a toxic algae risk for West Boat Ramp Cove, so avoid touching scummy or discolored water, rinse off afterward, and keep dogs out.

BOAT

The East Boat Ramp is a low-water, gently sloped ramp near the dam, and the park says small boats can launch there but large boats should not attempt it. The fast rise may change ramp conditions, so call the park office before you trailer out.

LURE BOX

TOP

A buzzbait or walking bait in black or white over newly flooded grass at dawn. In stained water, noise and a dark profile help largemouth find the bait.

MID

A spinnerbait with a Colorado blade, a chatterbait, or a squarebill in chartreuse, white, or black and blue, bumped through flooded brush and rock. This is the best search tool in muddy water.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged creature bait and compact jig in black and blue or junebug, pitched to the outside edge of flooded cover. In clearer water near the dam, switch to green pumpkin. Match size to gizzard shad, small sunfish, and crawfish.