Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Pueblo Reservoir area

Pueblo Reservoir

Colorado

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10 — 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 (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **56–66°F**, lows **28–36°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	30°F
SKY	Areas Of Fog then Mostly Sunny
WIND	E 0–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:41 AM / 4:45 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	36°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 5–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:42 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

LOW	28°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 10–20 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:43 AM / 4:44 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:41 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 **Smallmouth plan: Cover rock flats and points 5-20 ft as fish feed up; jerkbait, swimbait and blade bait at a moderate-to-fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

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

Basis: estimated water ~56°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

They are fattening up on crawfish and young baitfish, so they will chase a moving bait early and then turn picky on a bright, calm afternoon.

ALSO BITING

Walleye earn a second rod on main-lake points and rocky humps, especially at dawn, dusk, and after dark during this warm spell. A jig-and-minnow on the same breaks covers it.

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
Pueblo Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE SPA for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 4,857.72 ft (Mon 4:15 AM CT)	USACE SPA
Clarity	Steady high pressure and calm mean clear water and spooky fish once the sun climbs, so lighter line, natural colors, and long casts matter.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at Arkansas Point on the south side, where broken rock drops fast enough that a tube or Ned rig reaches smallmouth water within a long cast. The rocky shoreline around Juniper Breaks is the other dawn stop, with points you can walk between as light comes up.

KAYAK

Launch from the South Boat Ramp beside South Shore Marina and work the rocky coves toward Arkansas Point while the water is glassy. A kayak lets you sit quietly over a single boulder pile and pick it apart with a drop-shot, which is exactly what bright, calm fall days demand.

BOAT

Both six-lane ramps, the North Boat Ramp at North Shore Marina and the South Boat Ramp at South Shore Marina, get you to main-lake rock quickly. Run a walking bait over the first shaded points at dawn, then idle the break line and watch your electronics for bait balls in 15 to 25 feet.

LURE BOX

TOP

A walking bait or small popper in bone, chrome, or clear shad over calm, shaded rock points at first light. Mornings look slick enough to keep it tied on until the sun hits.

MID

A small square-bill or medium-diving crank in craw red or brown on wind-blown rock, plus a swimbait in natural shad when you see bait flicking on the surface. The north wind is the best crankbait day of the week.

BOTTOM

Tube, Ned rig, drop-shot, and football jig in green pumpkin, smoke, and brown. In this clear, bright pattern, a drop-shot with a small minnow bait on the first break is the midday workhorse. Match size to crawfish and small shad first.