Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Lillinonah area

Lake Lillinonah

Connecticut
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Largemouth · Smallmouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 6–12 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **52–61°F**, lows **29–33°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

52° F high

LOW	29°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 5–12 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:42 AM / 4:32 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

57° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 2–8 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:43 AM / 4:31 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

61° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 2–6 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:44 AM / 4:31 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:42 AM EST) → ~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 ~53°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: No dated forage report for this window turned up. The most likely meals are young perch and shiners where present, bluegill and sunfish around docks and weed edges, and crawfish on rock and gravel.

ALSO BITING

Also hot: Chain pickerel on the same weed edges you fish for bass, and yellow perch and crappie schooling over flats and brush as water cools. Check current state rules before you keep fish.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

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
Clarity	Clarity is unconfirmed, so start natural and darken only if the water is stained.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Public shoreline near the Lake Lillinonah Boat Launch on Main Street South in Bridgewater and the Lake Zoar Boat Launch at the end of Scout Road in Southbury gives you room to cast along rock without blocking the ramps. Throw a tube or Ned rig along riprap and the first drop.

KAYAK

Put in at the Pond Brook Boat Launch on Hanover Road in Newtown and paddle up Pond Brook into the Shepaug River arm, where power-boat traffic is light and the shallow sections hold milfoil and hydrilla. On Zoar, Kettletown State Park offers carry-in access to quieter water.

BOAT

Launch at Bridgewater for Lillinonah or at Scout Road for Zoar. On Zoar, smallmouth hold on the steep southwestern shore and in the 60-foot-plus water just above Stevenson Dam; fish the down-current side of rock with a drop-shot.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking topwater (bone / chrome) on calm mornings. Wakebait on wind-blown points. Popper over shallow rock and grass.

MID

Suspending jerkbait (ghost minnow / perch). Swimbait on a jighead (smoke / pearl). Medium crankbait (craw) on rock in the wind.

BOTTOM

Tube (green pumpkin / smoke) on rock and gravel. Drop-shot or Ned rig (green pumpkin / natural shad). Football jig (brown / green craw) on deeper humps.