Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Squantz Pond area

# Squantz Pond

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

**8**/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| + Mostly stable | + No lightning | + 6–13 mph usable ripple | + Clear / sunny (~0%) | ~ Fall transition | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–58°F**, lows **29–34°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

**50°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 29°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | NW 6–13 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:43 AM / 4:33 PM |

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

### TUESDAY NOV 17

**53°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 33°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | NW 3–8 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:44 AM / 4:32 PM |

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

### WEDNESDAY NOV 18

**58°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 34°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | NW 2–6 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:45 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 · Bite window: dawn + last light

## HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

### MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:43 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 ~52°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a pond (10-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

Squantz Pond State Park off Route 39 in New Fairfield has public shoreline near the launch on Shortwoods Road and around Turners Point at the south end. Shore fishing behind the swim-area fence is banned only from Memorial Day to Labor Day, so that stretch is open now. Throw a tube or jerkbait along the rock.

### KAYAK

The 25 hp cap at the state ramp on Shortwoods Road keeps traffic lighter than on Candlewood, so paddling here is comfortable. Hug Pine Ledge and the steep west shore below Wanzer Mountain, and drift a drop-shot along the breaks.

### BOAT

Boats launched at the state ramp are limited to 25 hp, so bring a small rig or tilt a larger motor up with the prop removed. Depths reach about 40 feet. Work Pine Ledge and the west-shore drops for smallmouth with a jerkbait and a jig, then check the Turners Point area and the Squantz Pond Dam end.

## 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.