Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

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

# Hearns Pond

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

## BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

**7** /10 — Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| + Mostly stable | + No lightning | − Up to 15 mph · open-water chop | + Clear / sunny (~0%) | + Fall transition | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **57–64°F**, lows **30–33°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

**57°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 30°F |
| SKY | Mostly Sunny |
| WIND | NW 5–15 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:45 AM / 4:48 PM |

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

### TUESDAY NOV 17

**60°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 32°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | NW 5 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:46 AM / 4:47 PM |

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

### WEDNESDAY NOV 18

**64°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 33°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | W 0–5 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:47 AM / 4:46 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 (6:45 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: 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 ~58°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a pond (10-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

### 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.

## DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by the operator 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 |
|---|---|---|
| HEARNS POND NEAR SEAFORD, DE | No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 | the operator |
| Clarity | Clarity is unconfirmed, so start with natural shad and bluegill colors and darken only if banks stain. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

Hearns Pond in Seaford has a DNREC ramp and courtesy dock at the rebuilt dam. The dam was rebuilt in 2016 and 2017 with a larger spillway, and its banks are armored with concrete blocks, a hard edge worth a crankbait or jig from shore. The historic Hearns and Rawlins Mill stands on the bank near the dam.

### KAYAK

Launch at the DNREC ramp by the dam, where the courtesy dock makes getting in easy. This is a small no-wake pond, so paddling is calm. Start along the armored dam face with a crankbait, then work the shoreline away from the dam with a weedless worm as the light changes.

### BOAT

The DNREC ramp at the rebuilt Hearns Pond Dam has a courtesy dock and about a dozen trailer spaces. No-wake rules apply, so a small boat with an electric motor fits best. Fish the armored dam face and the approach to the spillway first, then move along the shoreline with a spinnerbait and a Texas rig.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

Walking topwater (bone / white) at first light. Hollow-body frog (white or black) over pads. Buzzbait along reed and grass edges.

### MID

Bladed jig or spinnerbait (white / chartreuse shad). Squarebill crankbait (craw / shad) on wood and riprap. Swim jig through thin grass.

### BOTTOM

Texas-rigged worm (green pumpkin / junebug). Flipping jig or creature bait in the thickest cover. Wacky or Ned rig on isolated targets.