FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Okeechobee area

Lake Okeechobee

Florida

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	− Up to 18 mph · open-water chop	− Rain up to ~65%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **75–76°F**, lows **69–70°F**, rain chance up to **~65%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

76° F high

LOW	69°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	NE 7–14 mph
RAIN	~16%
SUN	6:46 AM / 5:33 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

TUESDAY NOV 17

75° F high

LOW	69°F
SKY	Chance Rain Showers
WIND	ENE 13–16 mph
RAIN	~48%
SUN	6:46 AM / 5:32 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

75° F high

LOW	70°F
SKY	Rain Showers Likely
WIND	NE 14–18 mph
RAIN	~65%
SUN	6:47 AM / 5:32 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: NE → ENE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:46 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 ~74°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

What's on the menu: No dated forage report for this window turned up. The most likely meals are shiners and threadfin shad where present, bluegill and other sunfish around reeds and pads, and crawfish and grass shrimp in the vegetation.

ALSO BITING

Also hot: Bluegill and redear around reed edges and docks, and black crappie (speckled perch) starting to gather on deeper brush and open-water edges as nights cool. Check FWC rules for size and bag limits.

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 SAJ 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
Lake Okeechobee	No generation schedule posted by USACE SAJ for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 50.01 ft (Mon 2:00 AM CT)	USACE SAJ
Clarity	Clarity is unconfirmed, so start with natural shad and bluegill colors and darken only if banks stain.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The Okee-Tantie Recreation Area at the Kissimmee River mouth and the C. Scott Driver area in Okeechobee County both give public shoreline near their ramps, and Harney Pond Canal in Glades County is a third option.

KAYAK

The open lake's long fetch makes Okeechobee dangerous for paddlers, so stay in the rim canals and marsh edges near Okee-Tantie or Harney Pond Canal. Low water this fall leaves much of the marsh hard to reach, and rock hazards are mapped in the southwest region.

BOAT

Six-lane ramps at Okee-Tantie and C. Scott Driver and a five-lane ramp at Harney Pond Canal all run 24 hours. FWC ranks bulrush as the best game-fish habitat on the lake, so start on the outer eelgrass edges along the bulrush with a swim jig or bladed jig, then punch hydrilla and peppergrass at midday.

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.