FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Blue Ridge area

Blue Ridge

Georgia

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

9/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 0–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **60–66°F**, lows **30–35°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

60° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Widespread Frost then Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:12 AM / 5:31 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

63° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Widespread Frost then Sunny
WIND	E 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:13 AM / 5:30 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

66° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:14 AM / 5:30 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:12 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 **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. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~58°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: Blueback herring and threadfin shad are the main forage, which is why topwater, swimbaits and jerkbaits work when the fish are feeding up. Crawfish on the rocky banks are a big part of what smallmouth eat.

ALSO BITING

Spotted bass — primary; main-lake points and bluffs. Smallmouth bass — rocky points with deep water nearby.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. Generation schedule and flows below are copied from the operator as posted at the Cast pull — schedules change; re-check the operator page the morning you fish. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Blue Ridge Dam	Mon 11/16: 1 AM - 9 AM EST 0, 9 AM - Noon EST 1, Noon - 6 PM EST 0, 6 PM - 10 PM EST 1, 10 PM - Midnight EST 0 · Tue 11/17: Midnight - 1 AM EST 0 · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — TVA Observed: pool 1,669.65 ft (5 AM EST); outflow 144 cfs (5 AM EST)	TVA
Confirm	GADNR fishing regulations	georgiawildlife.com
Permit / regs	Regulations: check current GADNR fishing rules before keeping fish.	
Clarity	Water clarity / depth.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank access on Blue Ridge is mostly at the Forest Service and public recreation areas. Try Morganton Point Recreation Area, where you can walk to rocky points and shoreline, or the banks near the Lake Blue Ridge Marina area where access is posted. Clear water means light line and long casts.

KAYAK

The fog may last until about 10 AM, so wear a bright PFD, carry a light and stay near shore until it lifts. Launch at Morganton Point and fish the nearby points and coves with a small walking bait at dawn, then a drop-shot or a Ned rig on rock.

BOAT

Start on main-lake points and bluff ends, where your graph should show bait and fish. At first light, throw a walking bait or a spybait at any surface activity. Once the sun is up, fish a drop-shot, a Ned rig or a small tube on steep points and bluff ends at 25–40 ft.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walking bait in bone or clear. Popper on calm points. Spybait for fish just under the surface.

MID

Jerkbait for suspended fish. Small swimbait in shad colors. Underspin on calm days.

BOTTOM

Drop-shot in smoke or green. Ned rig on rocky points. Small tube for smallmouth.