Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Carters area

Carters

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

9/10 — Strong odds

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 (~1%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **61–67°F**, lows **35–40°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

61° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Areas Of Frost then Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:13 AM / 5:33 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

64° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Patchy Frost then Sunny
WIND	E 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:13 AM / 5:32 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

67° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 0–5 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:14 AM / 5:32 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 (7:13 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 **Spotted bass plan: Run main-lake and secondary points 5-20 ft; topwater, spybait and swimbait on schooling fish, fast.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Spotted bass 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 ~60°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Carters spotted bass are spread out, some on shallow points chasing shad at dawn and many still holding deep on timber and steep banks.

ALSO BITING

Spotted bass — primary; points and steep banks. Hybrid and striped bass — schooling on the main lake, especially at dawn and dusk.

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
Carters Dam	Mon 11/16: 5 AM - 7 AM ET 400 MW, 7 AM - 8 AM ET 406 MW, 8 AM - 9 AM ET 280 MW, 9 AM - 10 AM ET 265 MW, 10 AM - 11 AM ET 240 MW, 6 PM - 9 PM ET 436 MW, +2 more blocks · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — USACE Mobile District generation schedule Observed: pool 1,073.59 ft (Mon 3:15 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 436 cfs (Mon 1:15 AM CT)	USACE Mobile District
Confirm	GADNR fishing regulations	georgiawildlife.com
Permit / regs	Carters generates into its reregulation pool and pumps water back up into the main lake, so current near the main dam can run in either direction.	
Clarity	Water clarity / depth.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Carters has steep, rocky shoreline, and bank access is mostly around the Corps parks. Try Doll Mountain or Ridgeway, where you can reach rocky points from shore, or the Damsite area near the main dam. Clear water means light line and long casts.

KAYAK

Morning has patchy fog, so wear a bright PFD, carry a light and stay near the shore until it lifts. Launch at Woodring Branch or Ridgeway and fish the creek pockets and points. Paddle toward the upper end and fish the stain line with a spinnerbait or a small crankbait.

BOAT

Start on the stain line in the upper lake, where the Coosawattee water meets clear water, with a spinnerbait, a crankbait or a jerkbait. Run the main lake points and the mouths of Talking Rock and other creeks, and watch your graph for shad and spots. Throw a walking bait or a spybait at any surface activity at first light.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walking bait in bone or chrome. Popper on calm points. Spoon for schooling hybrids and stripers.

MID

Jerkbait along the stain line. Spybait for spots on calm days. Spinnerbait or small crankbait in stained water.

BOTTOM

Drop-shot in smoke or green. Shaky head with finesse worm. Small football jig on deep points.