Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for George L Smith area

George L Smith

Georgia
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 8–9 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **59–66°F**, lows **40–45°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

59° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 5–8 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	—

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	42°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 6–9 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	—

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

66° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 6–9 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	—

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (first light CST) → ~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. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~63°F — statewide median of 30 lake estimates from the observed air record (NOAA ACIS) — no

NATURAL FORAGE

Glassy midday water pushes fish tight to shade and cover around Emanuel County. Smith Lake to settle into predictable shade lines you can re-hit without a long run.

ALSO BITING

Crappie can show on a slow midday drop along the first break near GADNR boat ramp: George L. Bluegill mix on the same shade lines you fish for bass — keep a light jig ready as a bonus cast.

PRESSURE

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

coordinates on file for this lake; no water-temperature 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
Permit / regs	Confirm park hours, trailer parking, and any day-use notices posted at the gate before you leave a vehicle overnight at George L.	
Clarity	Water clarity / depth.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank fishing starts at GADNR boat ramp: George L, where you can reach points, laydowns, and the first break off the public ramp within a short walk of the truck. Work a soft stickbait or weightless fluke along shade lines, then pitch a compact jig into the nearest cover.

KAYAK

Kayak anglers should launch at GADNR boat ramp: George L and hug the protected shoreline rather than crossing open water when a breeze is up. The calmest middle of the weekday window is usually the cleanest paddle day: start on windward points with a spinnerbait, then slip into protected pockets for a wacky rig.

BOAT

Trailers use GADNR boat ramp: George L — launch, clear the lane, and idle out before you plane. At first light, run points, edges, and secondary drops with a squarebill or spinnerbait, then slow down with a Texas-rigged beaver when the sun climbs.

LURE BOX

TOP

Spinnerbait (chartreuse/white). Squarebill crankbait. Walking topwater.

MID

Texas-rig creature (green pumpkin). Weightless stickbait. Compact jig + craw.

BOTTOM

Stain/clear: On stained water at George L. Smith Lake, lean chartreuse and black/blue; on clearer afternoons, natural green pumpkin and translucent stickbaits get more looks. Match lure size to the forage you see along GADNR boat ramp: George L.