Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Hickory Log area

# Hickory Log

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

**8**/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

| 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

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|---|---|
| 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

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|---|---|
| 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

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|---|---|
| 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 Cherokee County. By, expect fish at Hickory Log Creek Reservoir 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: Hickory Log Creek, Cherokee County. 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

## 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Hickory Log Reservoir Dam | No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18<br>Observed: observed flow at USGS 02391840 (Hickory Log Creek Near Canton, Ga) 6 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT) | the operator |
| Permit / regs | Confirm park hours, trailer parking, and any day-use notices posted at the gate before you leave a vehicle overnight at Hickory Log Creek Reservoir. | |
| Clarity | Water clarity / depth. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

Bank fishing starts at GADNR boat ramp: Hickory Log Creek, Cherokee County, 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: Hickory Log Creek, Cherokee County and hug the protected shoreline rather than crossing open water when a breeze is up.

### BOAT

Trailers use GADNR boat ramp: Hickory Log Creek, Cherokee County — 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 Hickory Log Creek Reservoir, 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: Hickory Log Creek, Cherokee County.