Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Varner area

Lake Varner

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10

Strong odds

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

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

What's on the menu: Shad and bluegill around wood and edges — match with chrome/white movers early and green-pumpkin plastics later.

ALSO BITING

Bream and redear on the same wood and bank edges with a cricket or small jig. Catfish after dark near the deeper timber if you stay late.

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
Confirm	GADNR fishing regulations	georgiawildlife.com
Permit / regs	On Lake Varner, verify trailer parking and any day-use rules before you leave the lot.	
Clarity	Water clarity / depth.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank fishing starts at GADNR boat ramp: Lake Varner, Newton County. GADNR marks a motor restriction. From the truck you can reach the first shade line, brush pile, or drop within a short walk — work a soft stickbait or weightless fluke along the shade, then pitch a compact jig into the nearest wood.

KAYAK

Kayak anglers should launch at the same public access — GADNR boat ramp: Lake Varner, Newton County. GADNR marks a motor restriction. 800 acres — and hug the protected shoreline rather than crossing open water when a breeze is up.

BOAT

Trailers use the public ramp at GADNR boat ramp: Lake Varner, Newton County. GADNR marks a motor restriction. 800 acres — launch, clear the lane, and idle out before you plane.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or popper over isolated wood at dawn and dusk. Buzzbait along shade lines when the afternoon breeze dies.

MID

Spinnerbait or squarebill on points and timber edges. Bladed jig when stain bumps after a shower.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged creature or beaver in trunks. Shaky head or wacky rig on the outside wood line. Stain/clear: Stained to moderately clear — bump lure size and contrast if a shower dirties the cove.