Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Lanier area

Lake Lanier

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

9/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 5–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **59–64°F**, lows **41–47°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	41°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:09 AM / 5:31 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

61° F high

LOW	44°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:10 AM / 5:30 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

64° F high

LOW	47°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 10 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:11 AM / 5:30 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:09 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

Threadfin shad fill the creek pockets, and bluegill and crawfish are around docks and rocky banks for fish that set up shallow.

ALSO BITING

Spotted bass — primary; schooling on points and humps, brush at midday. Striped bass — topwater breaks at dawn and dusk south of Browns Bridge; downlined herring for deeper schools at 30–40 ft over 60–100 ft of water.

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
Buford Dam	Mon 11/16: 12 AM - 5 AM ET 4 MW, 5 AM - 7 AM ET 5 MW, 7 AM - 9 AM ET 57 MW, 9 AM - noon ET 5 MW, noon - 5 PM ET 4 MW, 5 PM - 10 PM ET 5 MW, +1 more blocks · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — USACE Mobile District generation schedule Observed: pool 1,062.18 ft (Mon 3:15 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 598 cfs (Mon 3:45 AM CT)	USACE Mobile District
Confirm	GADNR fishing regulations	georgiawildlife.com
Permit / regs	Start at Little Hall Park on the Gainesville side or Old Federal Park near Flowery Branch, where Corps day-use shoreline lets you walk to the points.	
Clarity	Water clarity / depth.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The lower pool helps bank anglers: more riprap and clay points are within casting reach. Start at Little Hall Park on the Gainesville side or Old Federal Park near Flowery Branch, where Corps day-use shoreline lets you walk to the points.

KAYAK

Morning is the best paddle window — light wind and fog — but fog also hides you from boats. Wear a bright PFD, carry a light and a whistle, and hug the shoreline instead of crossing open water until visibility returns.

BOAT

Watch your graph for blueback schools on humps and long points near creek mouths. Creek mouths like Six Mile and Two Mile on the Forsyth side are good starting points; guides report fish below the GA 369 (Browns Bridge) bridge blowing up on topwater in the first and last couple hours of light.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait — bone in fog, chrome in sun. Chugger on calm points. Casting spoon for breaking schools.

MID

Swimbait in blueback/herring colors. Jerkbait for suspended fish. Spinnerbait or crankbait wind.

BOTTOM

Jig, green/orange, twin-tail trailer. Shaky head with green-pumpkin finesse worm. Drop-shot in smoke or green.