Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Oconee–Sinclair area

Oconee–Sinclair

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST — Strong odds

8/10

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

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **62–69°F**, lows **36–41°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

62° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Patchy Frost then Mostly Sunny
WIND	NE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:04 AM / 5:29 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

65° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Patchy Frost then Sunny
WIND	NE 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:05 AM / 5:29 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

69° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 5 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:06 AM / 5:28 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 · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:04 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 **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 ~62°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

NATURAL FORAGE

Largemouth on both lakes are starting to follow shad from the main lake toward the creeks as nights cool. What's on the menu: Threadfin shad are the main forage on both lakes, along with bluegill around docks and crawfish on riprap.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth — primary; docks, riprap and seawalls. Hybrid and striped bass — near Wallace Dam when water is moving.

PRESSURE

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

response); no water-temperature 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
Wallace Dam (Lake Oconee)	Mon 11/16: no generation/release scheduled · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — Georgia Power hydro operations Observed: pool 433.44 ft (Mon 11/16)	Georgia Power
Sinclair Dam	Mon 11/16: no generation/release scheduled · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — Georgia Power hydro operations Observed: pool 338.24 ft (Mon 11/16)	Georgia Power
Confirm	GADNR fishing regulations	georgiawildlife.com
Permit / regs	Regulations: check current GADNR fishing rules before keeping fish.	
Clarity	Water clarity / depth.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Georgia Power runs public parks on both lakes, and they are the easiest bank access. On Oconee, try Lawrence Shoals Park or Old Salem Park, where riprap and points are close to the parking areas. On Sinclair, Dennis Station has shoreline you can walk.

KAYAK

Are the best paddle days. Has light wind but patchy fog and a passing shower, so wear a bright PFD and carry a light. Launch at Old Salem Park on Oconee or Dennis Station on Sinclair and work the backs of coves and dock rows for largemouth with a buzzbait, a squarebill or a weedless soft swimbait.

BOAT

Start on the lower ends of both lakes, where water is clearer and docks sit in deeper water. On Oconee, the riprap and points around the Highway 44 bridge and the lower Richland Creek arm are good places to begin; on Sinclair, the upper lake below Wallace Dam and the Little River arm.

LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait along seawalls and riprap. Walking bait in shad colors. Popper around dock posts.

MID

Squarebill crankbait on riprap. Spinnerbait on the clouds. Swimbait in current near Wallace Dam.

BOTTOM

Jig in green pumpkin under docks. Texas-rigged worm on brush. Drop-shot on dock ends and points.