FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Bear Lake area

Bear Lake

Idaho

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Mountain Time · Largemouth · Smallmouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

4/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 12°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 6–13 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~94%	− Winter	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **42–54°F**, lows **29–35°F**, rain chance up to **~94%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

54° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	SSE 1–6 mph
RAIN	~28%
SUN	7:16 AM / 5:02 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

51° F high

LOW	29°F
SKY	Rain And Snow Showers
WIND	SSE 3–8 mph
RAIN	~94%
SUN	7:17 AM / 5:02 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

42° F high

LOW	29°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 1–13 mph
RAIN	~72%
SUN	7:18 AM / 5:01 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SSE → SW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:16 AM MST) → ~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

WINTER **Largemouth plan: Fish 15-30 ft bluff ends and channel swings; slow-roll a jig, blade bait or suspending jerkbait with long pauses.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the winter pattern — slow metabolism, holding deep and tight to structure.

Basis: estimated water ~47°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: Perch, kokanee-related baitfish, and shore-running forage — match with chrome/white early and green-pumpkin or smoke plastics later.

ALSO BITING

Cutthroat and other trout in deeper, cooler water if you leave the bass banks. Perch on the same weed and rock edges with a small jig.

PRESSURE

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

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	On Bear Lake, 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 North Beach on Bear Lake, Bear Lake Co. ID shore (shared-water OK). Alt: other Bear Lake Co public ramps.

KAYAK

Kayak anglers should launch at the same public access — North Beach on Bear Lake, Bear Lake Co. ID shore (shared-water OK). Alt: other Bear Lake Co public ramps — and hug the protected shoreline rather than crossing open water when a breeze is up.

BOAT

Trailers use the public ramp at North Beach on Bear Lake, Bear Lake Co. ID shore (shared-water OK). Alt: other Bear Lake Co public ramps — launch, clear the lane, and idle out before you plane.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait over calm dock pockets at dawn and dusk. Small popper when evening goes slick.

MID

Spinnerbait or small swimbait on rock points. Medium crank along the first break.

BOTTOM

Drop-shot or tube on clear rock. Ned rig when fish get picky under the high sun. Stain/clear: Clear fall Bear Lake water — downsize and use natural colors once the sun is up.