Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lucky Peak Lake area

Lucky Peak Lake

Idaho

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 8–14 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~93%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **45–52°F**, lows **32–38°F**, rain chance up to **~93%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

52° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Chance Rain Showers
WIND	WNW 1–8 mph
RAIN	~93%
SUN	7:39 AM / 5:18 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

45° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Scattered Rain Showers then Partly Sunny
WIND	NW 9–14 mph
RAIN	~31%
SUN	7:40 AM / 5:17 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

48° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Widespread Rain Showers
WIND	ESE 9–14 mph
RAIN	~83%
SUN	7:41 AM / 5:16 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: WNW → NW → ESE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:39 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

FALL TRANSITION **Smallmouth plan: Go subsurface and a notch slower: edges of drop-offs, rocky points and bluff ends between the fall flats and the 20-40 ft winter depth; jerkbait with pauses, small jig or hula grub on the bottom, blade bait ripped off the bottom on points.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Smallmouth are in the late fall transition — water in the low-to-mid 50s, so they are staging on drop-off edges, points and bends between their summer spots and the deep wintering holes.

Basis: estimated water ~52°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

NATURAL FORAGE

Baitfish gather on points at dawn, and trout stay closer to the river inflow. What's on the menu: Small baitfish and crawfish are the main forage along the rock, with some trout forage near the river inflow.

ALSO BITING

Smallmouth bass — primary; rock, points and brush. Rainbow trout — river inflow and open water.

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. No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDP 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
Lucky Peak Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDP for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 2,946.50 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 252 cfs (Mon 4:30 AM CT)	USACE NWDP
Confirm	Idaho Fish and Game fishing rules	idfg.idaho.gov
Permit / regs	Bank anglers can fish rock from Lucky Peak State Park day-use areas and along public shoreline near the dam and Diversion Dam reach below the reservoir on the Boise River (check local access rules).	
Clarity	Water clarity / depth.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank anglers can fish rock from Lucky Peak State Park day-use areas and along public shoreline near the dam and Diversion Dam reach below the reservoir on the Boise River (check local access rules). On the lake itself, Spring Shores has limited shore casting around the marina.

KAYAK

Morning is the calmest paddle window before the west-northwest breeze builds. Launch at Spring Shores and work rocky points and brush with a Ned rig or a small tube. Wear a PFD, carry water and watch for ski-boat wakes near the marina.

BOAT

Lucky Peak fishes like a deep, rocky canyon lake. At first light, run points from Spring Shores toward the upper arms with a jerkbait, tube or spinnerbait. As the sun climbs, work rock in 20–40 ft with a drop-shot or a football jig.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walking bait in bone or chrome at dawn. Popper along rocky points. Spinnerbait on the breeze.

MID

Suspending jerkbait on rock. Small swimbait on points. Tube on steep banks.

BOTTOM

Drop-shot with a small worm in green or smoke. Ned rig or tube on rock. Football jig on deeper breaks.