FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Devils Kitchen area

Devils Kitchen

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

9/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 3–7 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **57–63°F**, lows **35–43°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

57° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ENE 0–3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:37 AM / 4:44 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

61° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSE 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:38 AM / 4:44 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

63° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSE 3–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:39 AM / 4:43 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:37 AM 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.

Basis: estimated water ~58°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: Shad and bluegill on points and wood — chrome/white early, green-pumpkin plastics later.

ALSO BITING

Crappie on the same timber with a small jig if you slow down. Catfish after dark near deeper wood if you stay late.

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 Devils Kitchen 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 Devils Kitchen Lake public ramp, Williamson Co. (Crab Orchard NWR system). 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 — Devils Kitchen Lake public ramp, Williamson Co. (Crab Orchard NWR system) — and hug the protected shoreline rather than crossing open water when a breeze is up.

BOAT

Trailers use the public ramp at Devils Kitchen Lake public ramp, Williamson Co. (Crab Orchard NWR system) — launch, clear the lane, and idle out before you plane. At first light, run points, timber edges, and secondary drops with a squarebill or spinnerbait, then slow down with a Texas-rigged beaver when the sun climbs.

LURE BOX

TOP

Acee's — 845 S. Broadway St. Goreville, IL · ~10.0 mi.

MID

Spinnerbait or squarebill on points. Bladed jig when stain bumps after wind or traffic.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged creature in timber. Shaky head or wacky rig on the outside edge. Stain/clear: Stained to moderately clear — bump contrast if wind dirties a point.