FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Illinois River Peoria area

Illinois River Peoria

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 5–12 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **55–60°F**, lows **38–47°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

55° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSW 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:46 AM / 4:39 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

57° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:47 AM / 4:38 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

60° F high

LOW	47°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 7–12 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:48 AM / 4:37 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SSW → S · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:46 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: Slow down: steep points, channel drops and remaining grass just outside the creeks, between the fall flats and the 15-30 ft winter depth; suspending jerkbait with long pauses, jig-and-pig or blade bait crawled down the slope.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the late fall transition — water under the mid-50s, so bass are sliding off the shallow flats toward steeper points and channel drops near their fall feeding areas.

Basis: estimated water ~53°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a river (10-day response); no water-temperature

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.

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

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 Illinois River, 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 Detweiller Park public ramp on Peoria Pool / Upper Peoria Lake, Peoria Co. Alts: Chillicothe Dock / Upper Peoria Lake ramps.

KAYAK

Kayak anglers should launch at the same public access — Detweiller Park public ramp on Peoria Pool / Upper Peoria Lake, Peoria Co. Alts: Chillicothe Dock / Upper Peoria Lake ramps — and hug the protected shoreline rather than crossing open water when a breeze is up.

BOAT

Trailers use the public ramp at Detweiller Park public ramp on Peoria Pool / Upper Peoria Lake, Peoria Co. Alts: Chillicothe Dock / Upper Peoria Lake ramps — launch, clear the lane, and idle out before you plane.

LURE BOX

TOP

Hy-Vee — 4123 N Sheridan Road, Peoria, IL · ~4.0 mi. Beck'S — 910 E War Memorial Dr, Peoria Heights, IL · ~4.2 mi. Hy-Vee Gas — 5421 W Us Hwy 150, Peoria, IL · ~5.5 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.