Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake of Egypt area

Lake of Egypt

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

9/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 5–7 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **57–64°F**, lows **35–42°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 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:36 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	SE 1–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:37 AM / 4:43 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

64° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSE 3–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:38 AM / 4:42 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 → SE → SSE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:36 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

Shad are moving into the creek arms, largemouth are following them onto points, docks and wood, and crappie are moving onto brush. What's on the menu: Gizzard and threadfin shad are the main forage, with bluegill around the docks and crawfish on the rocky bank

ALSO BITING

Largemouth — primary; points, docks and brush. Crappie — brush and dock ends 10–15 ft.

PRESSURE

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

DAM & WATER — CONFIRM BEFORE YOU LAUNCH

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No shared generation/level feed this cycle — check the agency page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Confirm	Illinois DNR fishing	dnr.illinois.gov
Permit / regs	Regulations: check current Illinois DNR fishing rules before keeping fish, since site rules on Lake of Egypt can differ from statewide limits.	
Clarity	Water clarity / depth.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Most of the Lake of Egypt shoreline is private, so bank anglers should stick to public sites. Buck Ridge Campground in Shawnee National Forest, on the lake's southern end, has shoreline and points you can walk to, and the public access areas near the dam and the main ramps also give you some room.

KAYAK

Is the paddle day. Launch at Buck Ridge or another public ramp on the south end, and paddle into the creek arms where wood and rocky banks meet. Pitch a jig or Texas-rigged creature bait to laydowns and dock posts for largemouth, and drop a small jig beside brush for crappie.

BOAT

Lake of Egypt fishes like a clear, dock-lined lake with rocky points, channel swings and a warm-water area near the power plant on the north end. At first light, start on main-lake points and rocky banks with a walking bait, squarebill or spinnerbait.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait on calm points at dawn. Buzzbait along docks and wood. Popper in the shade at dusk.

MID

Squarebill or spinnerbait on wind-touched rock. Suspending jerkbait on clear points. Small swimbait on a light jighead.

BOTTOM

Jig skipped under docks. Drop shot or Ned rig on deeper rock. Small jig or minnow for crappie on brush.