Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Shelbyville area

Lake Shelbyville

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	+ 3–9 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **55–60°F**, lows **33–42°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

55° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 0–3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:39 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	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSE 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:40 AM / 4:38 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

60° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 5–9 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:41 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: S → SSE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:39 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 ~57°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, and largemouth are following them onto rock and wood. What's on the menu: Gizzard shad are the main forage, with crawfish on the rock and bluegill around the wood and docks.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth — co-primary; rock points, wood and brush. Crappie — co-primary; brush and timber 10–20 ft.

PRESSURE

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

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE MVS 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
Shelbyville Pool	No generation schedule posted by USACE MVS for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 598.76 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 70 cfs (Sun 12:00 AM CT)	USACE MVS
Confirm	Illinois DNR fishing	dnr.illinois.gov
Permit / regs	Regulations: check current Illinois DNR fishing rules before keeping fish, since site rules on Shelbyville can differ from statewide limits.	
Clarity	Water clarity / depth.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Good bank access on Shelbyville is at Wolf Creek State Park on the west shore and Eagle Creek State Park on the east shore near Findlay, where points and rocky shoreline let you reach deeper water from land. The riprap near the dam at Shelbyville and the shoreline around Lithia Springs are also worth a walk.

KAYAK

Are the paddle days. Launch at Wilborn Creek, Coon Creek or the ramps inside Wolf Creek State Park, and fish the protected pockets where wood and rock meet. Pitch a jig or a Texas-rigged creature bait to laydowns for largemouth, and drop a jig and minnow beside brush for crappie.

BOAT

Shelbyville fishes like two lakes: a clearer, rockier lower end near the dam and dirtier, wood-filled upper arms. At first light, start on main-lake rock points and bluff ends in the lower lake with a spinnerbait, squarebill or jerkbait.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait over rock points at dawn. Buzzbait along wood in the upper arms. Popper on calm pockets at dusk.

MID

Spinnerbait or squarebill on rock and wood. Suspending jerkbait in the clearer lower lake. Bucktail or big jerkbait for muskie.

BOTTOM

Jig in green pumpkin or brown on brush. Drop shot or Ned rig on deeper rock. Jig and minnow for crappie on timber.