Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Cecil M. Harden Lake area

Cecil M. Harden Lake

Indiana
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern 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	+ 2–8 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **54–60°F**, lows **32–40°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

54° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Sunny
WIND	S 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:33 AM / 5:31 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	35°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 1–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:34 AM / 5:31 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	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 3–8 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:36 AM / 5:30 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:33 AM EST) → ~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 ~56°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

Pressure should be light compared with the weekend. Local anglers and evening trips still stack the most popular ramps and the closest points after work, so fish the second stretch of cover if the first is taken.

ALSO BITING

Crappie use the same wood and brush; treat them as bonus fish and keep the largemouth plan on cover and points.

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 LRL, the operator 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
Cagles Mill Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE LRL for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 636.61 ft (Mon 3:15 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 113 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE LRL
C. M. Harden Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE LRL for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 646.58 ft (Mon 3:15 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 423 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE LRL
CECIL M. HARDEN LAKE AT FERNDALE, IN	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 646.58 ft (Mon 3:15 AM CT)	the operator

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Walk the posted banks at Lieber SRA shoreline and posted recreation banks where wood and rock meet a short drop near parking. Start at first light while the water still carries the cool-night chill, and cover the first stretch of rock, timber, or grass edge with a weightless stickbait and a compact jig.

KAYAK

Launch from the Lieber SRA launches; fish the protected coves and creek arms and keep a short paddle back to the ramp. These calm, clear mornings are ideal for a quiet paddle along the first creek-arm banks: parallel the cover, then stake out on the best brush or point once the sun is up.

BOAT

Run out from the Lieber SRA and Hollandsburg-area ramps; graph the first points and channel swings before a long run. With sunny skies, graph main-lake points and channel swings for shad and suspended fish before you commit to a long run.

LURE BOX

TOP

One topwater for calm dawn and shad schools.

MID

Pack a weightless stickbait. A squarebill or spinnerbait for windy banks.

BOTTOM

A compact flipping jig. A Texas-rig creature. A drop-shot or shaky head for clear-water depth.