Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Ferdinand State Forest Lake area

Ferdinand State Forest Lake

Indiana
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	+ 5–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **52–59°F**, lows **31–41°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

52° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Areas Of Fog then Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	—

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

55° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	—

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

59° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	—

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (first light 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 ~56°F — statewide median of 23 lake estimates from the observed air record (NOAA ACIS) — no coordinates on file for this lake; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Pressure at Ferdinand State Forest Lake should stay lighter than a weekend, but the Dubois County public ramp corridor still draws after-work spinning rods.

ALSO BITING

Bluegill and crappie mix on the same public timber and ramp shade you are fishing for largemouth on Ferdinand State Forest Lake — keep a light jig ready as a bonus cast, then return to the bass plan on the prime low-light windows.

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	Indiana DNR regulation summary — confirm the current card.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Walk the posted shoreline at the Ferdinand State Forest Lake ramp in Dubois County, starting near the concrete ramp banks, then rotate to any picnic or walk-in public banks and timber-lined shoreline you can reach without leaving posted access.

KAYAK

Launch from the Ferdinand State Forest Lake public concrete ramp and stay inside a short paddle of public shoreline for this window. Pack a spinnerbait for covering water at first light and a Texas-rig creature for midday shade.

BOAT

Run out from the Ferdinand State Forest Lake public concrete ramp (Dubois County) and keep the plan compact. Graph short timber edges, ramp riprap, and the first break before you burn fuel on a long open-water loop.

LURE BOX

TOP

One walking topwater for calm dawn shad activity.

MID

Pack a weightless stickbait in green pumpkin. A 3/8–1/2 oz spinnerbait or squarebill for the breeze on windblown banks.

BOTTOM

A compact flipping jig with a craw trailer. A Texas-rig creature for thicker shoreline wood. A shaky head or drop-shot for clear midday water on the first break.