Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Hardy Lake area

Hardy Lake

Indiana

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

9/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 1–3 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **55–63°F**, lows **32–37°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	32°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Sunny
WIND	NE 1 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:26 AM / 5:28 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

59° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Sunny
WIND	SE 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:27 AM / 5:27 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

63° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Sunny
WIND	S 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:28 AM / 5:27 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:26 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 ~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

Pressure at Hardy Lake SRA should stay lighter than a weekend, but Alpha Ramp still draws after-work rods. If the first Alpha bank is lined, rotate to Sunnyside, Carmel, or Wooster before stacking on the same wall.

ALSO BITING

Bluegill and crappie mix on the same Hardy Lake SRA riprap and brush you are fishing for largemouth — keep a light jig ready as a bonus cast. Channel catfish can show on a simple bottom rig along Alpha Ramp rock on the warm afternoon.

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

Fish posted banks at Alpha Ramp, then walk SRA shoreline you can reach from Alpha, Sunnyside, Carmel, or Wooster without leaving Hardy Lake State Recreation Area access. Claim windward SRA rock once the southeast breeze turns on — if Alpha's bank is lined, trailer to Sunnyside or Carmel for a fresh public wall.

KAYAK

Launch from Alpha Ramp (or Sunnyside / Carmel / Wooster if Alpha is crowded) and stay inside a short paddle of SRA shoreline. Pack a spinnerbait for covering water and a Texas-rig creature for midday shade.

BOAT

Run out from Alpha Ramp (or an alternate Hardy Lake SRA ramp) and keep the plan on the first points, riprap, and timber edges you can graph from that corridor. The northeast air makes spot-lock easy on secondary points; work a jig or shaky head and keep a topwater ready if shad flick.

LURE BOX

TOP

One walking topwater for calm dawn shad.

MID

Hardy's box should cover SRA riprap and points: a weightless stickbait. A spinnerbait or squarebill for the breeze.

BOTTOM

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