FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Monroe Lake area

Monroe Lake

Indiana

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern 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	+ 1–3 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **56–63°F**, lows **33–39°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

56° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Sunny
WIND	NE 1 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:29 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

59° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SE 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:30 AM / 5:30 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	39°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 0–3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:31 AM / 5:29 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 (7:29 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 and spotted bass stay in the mix on brush and rocky points; treat them as bonus fish when shad push up, not a replacement for the largemouth timber plan.

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 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
Monroe Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE LRL for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 537.39 ft (Mon 3:25 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 55 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE LRL

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Walk the posted banks at Paynetown SRA shoreline, Fairfax SRA banks, and legal bank pockets along the causeway cuts where timber meets a short step-down.

KAYAK

Launch from the Paynetown or Fairfax ramps — stay inside the first creek arms and timber pockets rather than long open-water crossings. 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 Paynetown and Fairfax recreation ramps; graph the first points and flooded timber before burning fuel toward the dam. 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.