Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Winona Lake area

# Winona Lake

Indiana

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

## BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

**9**/10 — Strong odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

| 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

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|---|---|
| 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

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|---|---|
| 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 on Winona Lake should stay lighter than a weekend, but the Kosciusko County public ramp corridor still sees after-work spinning rods.**

### ALSO BITING

**Largemouth share the same outside weed edges you are fishing for bluegill on Winona Lake — keep a stickbait or compact jig ready as a bonus cast, but do not abandon the panfish plan on the cold dawn.**

### 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

Start on the posted shoreline at the Winona Lake public access ramp (Kosciusko County), then fan out along the walk-in banks beside the concrete ramp parking and any open public shoreline you can reach without crossing private docks. Keep a compact spinner or soft stickbait ready if a largemouth flashes on the same edge.

### KAYAK

Launch from the Winona Lake public concrete ramp and stay inside a short paddle of the public shoreline for this window. Pack a light panfish rod for jigs and a medium rod with a small spinnerbait or weightless stickbait for any largemouth that share the same edge.

### BOAT

Run out from the Winona Lake public concrete ramp (Kosciusko County) and keep the plan compact — this is a natural lake, not a big reservoir run. Graph the first clean outside weed edge and any short drop you can see from the ramp corridor before you idle the whole basin.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

No topwater slot on file for this water — stay mid / bottom.

### MID

A tiny crank or spinner for covering outside grass. A weightless stickbait in green pumpkin for shared largemouth water. A compact spinnerbait for the light south breeze.

### BOTTOM

Pack small 1/16–1/8 oz jigs in natural perch and bluegill colors. One light drop-shot for clear midday water on the first break.