Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Clear Lake area

Clear Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	− Up to 24 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~18%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **52–58°F**, lows **37–43°F**, rain chance up to **~18%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

52° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSW 8–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:07 AM / 4:48 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

TUESDAY NOV 17

56° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 10–18 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:08 AM / 4:47 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

58° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 17–24 mph
RAIN	~18%
SUN	7:09 AM / 4:47 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:07 AM 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: Slow down: steep points, channel drops and remaining grass just outside the creeks, between the fall flats and the 15-30 ft winter depth; suspending jerkbait with long pauses, jig-and-pig or blade bait crawled down the slope.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the late fall transition — water under the mid-50s, so bass are sliding off the shallow flats toward steeper points and channel drops near their fall feeding areas.

Basis: estimated water ~52°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Pressure on Clear Lake should stay lighter than a weekend, but Clear Lake State Park shoreline and the McIntosh Woods corridor still see evening traffic after work.

ALSO BITING

Yellow bass and crappie are the bonus mix when birds work open water over Clear Lake weed flats or along State Park points — keep a small spoon or compact jig ready, but do not abandon the largemouth weed-and-rock plan.

PRESSURE

Weekday traffic — lighter than the weekend. Fish early, give ramps and swim areas room.

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

DAM & WATER — CONFIRM BEFORE YOU LAUNCH

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No shared generation/level feed this cycle — check the agency page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Permit / regs	Bass regs (Iowa statewide inland summary): black bass 15-inch minimum length, 3 fish daily creel.	
Clarity	Confirm Iowa DNR lake notes before the next trip; clarity and weed height matter more than a flood-pool number on this natural lake.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Walk the posted shoreline at McIntosh Woods State Park, then rotate to Clear Lake State Park banks and the Ventura west-end public shoreline when the sun climbs.

KAYAK

Launch from McIntosh Woods or Clear Lake State Park and stay inside protected edges for this window. The light southeast breeze is perfect for a silent paddle along weed lines — parallel the grass, then stake out on the best outside edge once the sun clears.

BOAT

Run out from the Clear Lake State Park or McIntosh Woods ramps. Graph weed edges and rock points before you burn fuel on a long open crossing — fish are relating to grass and stone that touch deeper water.

LURE BOX

TOP

One walking topwater for calm dawn shad activity. Skip bulky frogs until you find true mats — most of the productive grass is edge vegetation.

MID

Pack a weedless stickbait in green pumpkin. A 1/2-oz spinnerbait or squarebill for the windblown State Park rock.

BOTTOM

A compact flipping jig with a craw trailer. A Texas-rig creature for thicker grass. A shaky head or drop-shot for clear midday edges.