Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Coralville Lake area

Coralville Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 12°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~12%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **54–59°F**, lows **36–48°F**, rain chance up to **~12%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

54° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:56 AM / 4:45 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

57° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:57 AM / 4:44 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

59° F high

LOW	48°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 10–15 mph
RAIN	~12%
SUN	6:59 AM / 4:43 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:56 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 ~53°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Weekday traffic at Sugar Bottom is softer than, but the marina banks and Sandy Beach shoreline still draw after-work spinning rods. If the first dock stretch is lined with anglers, slide deeper into Turkey Creek before stacking on the same wall.

ALSO BITING

White bass often mix on windward points when the south wind piles shad against Coralville marina riprap — keep a small spoon or slim crank handy as a bonus bait, then return to the largemouth timber plan in Turkey Creek.

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 — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by the operator 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
Coralville Dam	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: observed flow at USGS 05453520 (Iowa River Below Coralville Dam Nr Coralville, Ia) 5,010 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	Bass regs (Iowa statewide inland summary): black bass 15-inch minimum length, 3 fish daily creel.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the posted banks at Sugar Bottom Recreation Area, then walk Sandy Beach shoreline and the Coralville marina public banks as the sun climbs. The light southeast air keeps the first hour quiet — crawl a stickbait along Sugar Bottom docks until the lake lights up, then rotate to Turkey Creek wood once shade shrinks.

KAYAK

Launch from Sugar Bottom or the Coralville marina launches and stay inside protected arms when the south wind builds. The soft southeast pattern is ideal for a quiet paddle along Turkey Creek timber before the main lake wakes up; parallel the wood line, then stake out on the best shade once the high climbs toward the upper 60s.

BOAT

Launch at the Sugar Bottom and Coralville marina ramps. Idle out under the soft southeast breeze, then work dock edges and secondary points while the air is still light; graph Iowa River channel swings for suspended shad before you commit to a long dam run.

LURE BOX

TOP

One topwater or small spoon when white bass crash shad on points.

MID

Coralville's box should cover windblown marina rock and Turkey Creek timber: a chartreuse or white spinnerbait for south-wind rock. A squarebill for riprap transitions. A weightless stickbait for quiet docks.

BOTTOM

A compact jig and Texas-rig creature for timber in the arms. A shaky head or drop-shot for clear midday channel swings. A finesse rod at the Sugar Bottom ramp so you can change lanes without a full re-tackle when the south wind flips the bite from rock to wood.