Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Macbride area

Lake Macbride

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Fair odds

4/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 13°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 **35–48°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	35°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:56 AM / 4:44 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

Pressure on Macbride should stay lighter than a weekend, but Lake Macbride State Park shoreline still sees evening traffic from Iowa City and Cedar Rapids after work.

ALSO BITING

Crappie are the bonus mix when the midday bass bite slows — keep a light jig ready for the same north-arm timber you are pitching for largemouth. Bluegill can turn a slow dock stretch into a mixed bag for kids or a quick snack without changing spots.

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.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Walk the posted shoreline at Lake Macbride State Park, then rotate to south-shore public banks and the north-arm recreation shoreline when the sun climbs.

KAYAK

Launch from the Lake Macbride State Park ramp and stay inside protected arms for this window. The light southeast breeze is perfect for a silent paddle along north-arm timber — parallel the wood, then stake out on the best outside edge once the sun clears.

BOAT

Run out from the Lake Macbride State Park ramp. Graph dock edges, south-shore timber, and north-arm points before you burn fuel on a long spillway run — fish are relating to wood and rock that touch deeper water.

LURE BOX

TOP

One walking topwater for calm dawn shad activity. Skip bulky frogs until you find matted cover — most of the productive wood is brush and standing timber.

MID

Pack a weightless stickbait in green pumpkin. A 1/2-oz spinnerbait or squarebill for the windblown south-shore rock.

BOTTOM

A compact flipping jig with a craw trailer. A Texas-rig creature for thicker north-arm wood. A shaky head or drop-shot for clear midday water.