Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Okoboji–Spirit Chain area

Okoboji–Spirit Chain

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 25 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~7%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **54–59°F**, lows **39–42°F**, rain chance up to **~7%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

54° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSW 15–20 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:14 AM / 4:54 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	42°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 15–20 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:16 AM / 4:54 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

59° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 20–25 mph
RAIN	~7%
SUN	7:17 AM / 4:53 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 (7:14 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 ~49°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 1 nearby

NATURAL FORAGE

Weekday traffic on Spirit is softer than a holiday weekend, but Marble Beach and Mini-Wakan still draw evening spinning rods. If the first reed stretch is lined with anglers, slide to Templar or Orleans shoreline before stacking on the same point.

ALSO BITING

Yellow perch and white bass often mix on windward Spirit points when birds work open water — keep a small spoon or slim jig handy as a bonus bait, then return to the largemouth reed-and-rock plan.

PRESSURE

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

USGS lake gauge; no water-temperature 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 you return; clarity and weed height matter more than a flood-pool number on this natural chain.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the posted banks at Marble Beach State Recreation Area, then walk Mini-Wakan State Park shoreline and the Templar Park / Orleans public banks as the sun climbs. The lighter northwest breeze favors Templar and Orleans rock-weed edges that were too windy earlier.

KAYAK

Launch from Marble Beach or Mini-Wakan and stay on Spirit Lake's protected corners when the SSE and WSW winds build. The gusty south-southeast pattern is not a long open-water paddle — parallel reed edges close to shore, then stake out on the best weed transition once the high climbs toward the low 70s.

BOAT

Launch at the Marble Beach and Mini-Wakan ramps on Spirit Lake. Idle out under SSE gusts with a short-run mindset, then work reed edges and rock points while refusing long open crossings; graph weed transitions for suspended bait before you chase a rumor on West Okoboji.

LURE BOX

TOP

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

MID

Spirit's box should cover reed edges and rock-weed transitions: a weedless stickbait for Marble Beach reeds. A spinnerbait or squarebill for Templar rock when wind stacks bait.

BOTTOM

A compact jig and Texas-rig creature for thicker Mini-Wakan weeds. A shaky head or drop-shot for clear midday edges.