Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Saylorville Lake area

Saylorville 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
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 17 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~18%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **57–61°F**, lows **37–46°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

57° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSW 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:05 AM / 4:53 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

58° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 7–14 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:06 AM / 4:52 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

61° F high

LOW	46°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 14–17 mph
RAIN	~18%
SUN	7:07 AM / 4:52 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 (7:05 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 ~54°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Pressure on Saylorville should stay lighter than a weekend, but Cherry Glen shoreline and the Sandpiper ramp corridor still see evening traffic after work.

ALSO BITING

White bass and crappie are the bonus mix when birds work open water over Des Moines River channel swings or along Sandpiper points — keep a small spoon or compact crank ready, but do not abandon the largemouth rock-and-timber 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 — 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
Saylorville Dam	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: observed flow at USGS 05481650 (Des Moines River Near Saylorville, Ia) 3,840 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

Walk the posted shoreline at Cherry Glen Recreation Area, then rotate to Oak Grove recreation banks and the Sandpiper public shoreline when the sun climbs. The light SSE air favors a quiet stickbait crawl along Cherry Glen rock that touches a short drop; keep a compact jig ready for the first brush you can reach without a boat.

KAYAK

Launch from the Cherry Glen or Oak Grove launches and stay inside protected arms for this window. The light SSE breeze is perfect for a silent paddle along Oak Grove timber — parallel the wood, then stake out on the best outside edge once the sun clears the ridges.

BOAT

Run out from the Cherry Glen, Oak Grove, or Sandpiper ramps. Graph Des Moines River old-channel swings and recreation riprap before you burn fuel on a long dam run — fish are relating to rock and timber 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 vertical standing timber and brush.

MID

Pack a chartreuse spinnerbait for windblown Sandpiper rock. A squarebill for Cherry Glen transitions.

BOTTOM

A compact flipping jig with a craw trailer. A Texas-rig creature for thicker Oak Grove wood. A shaky head or drop-shot for clear midday channel swings.