FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Storm Lake area

Storm Lake

Iowa

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	− Up to 25 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~8%)	− Winter	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **54–59°F**, lows **39–43°F**, rain chance up to **~8%**. 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 10–15 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:13 AM / 4:57 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

57° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 10–20 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:14 AM / 4:56 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	41°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 15–25 mph
RAIN	~8%
SUN	7:15 AM / 4:55 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 (7:13 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

WINTER **Largemouth plan: Fish 15-30 ft bluff ends and channel swings; slow-roll a jig, blade bait or suspending jerkbait with long pauses.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the winter pattern — slow metabolism, holding deep and tight to structure.

Basis: water 44°F — USGS lake gauge 05482140 (Storm Lake At Storm Lake, Ia, 3 km), 24-h mean to Mon 4:00 AM; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Weekday traffic on Storm Lake is softer than a holiday weekend, but Lakeside Municipal Park and Frank Starr still draw evening spinning rods. If the first rock stretch is lined with anglers, slide to Chautauqua or Sunrise Park before stacking on the same wall.

Threadfin shad die-off band (below 45°F) — dying shad drift

ALSO BITING

White bass and yellow perch often mix on windward Storm Lake points when birds work open water — keep a small spoon or slim jig handy as a bonus bait, then return to the largemouth rock-and-weed plan.

PRESSURE

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

below dams and into deep creek channels.

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 lake.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the posted banks at Frank Starr Park, then walk Lakeside Municipal Park shoreline and the Chautauqua Park public banks as the sun climbs. The lighter north breeze favors Chautauqua and Sunrise pockets that were too windy earlier.

KAYAK

Launch near Frank Starr Park or Sunrise Park and stay on protected edges when the SSE and southwest winds build. The gusty south-southeast pattern is not a long open-water paddle — parallel rock and weed edges close to shore, then stake out on the best transition once the high climbs toward the low 70s.

BOAT

Launch at the Lakeside Municipal Park or Frank Starr ramps. Idle out under SSE gusts with a short-run mindset, then work rock walls and weed edges while refusing long open crossings; graph bait on Lakeside riprap before you chase a rumor across the main lake.

LURE BOX

TOP

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

MID

Storm Lake's box should cover municipal riprap and weed edges: a chartreuse spinnerbait for southwest-wind rock. A squarebill for Lakeside wall transitions. A weightless stickbait for quieter Frank Starr corners.

BOTTOM

A compact jig and Texas-rig creature for thicker weed pockets. A shaky head or drop-shot for clear midday edges.