Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Banner Creek Reservoir area

Banner Creek Reservoir

Kansas
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 15 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~10%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **56–61°F**, lows **39–47°F**, rain chance up to **~10%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

56° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 0–10 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:07 AM / 5:07 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	44°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 5–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:09 AM / 5:06 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

61° F high

LOW	47°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 15 mph
RAIN	~10%
SUN	7:10 AM / 5:05 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 (7:07 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), adjusted by 1 nearby

NATURAL FORAGE

Banner Creek is a popular Holton-area park lake, so expect after-work anglers and some park traffic near the ramp even. If the riprap by the ramp is taken, walk or paddle toward the dam or an arm before crowding someone.

ALSO BITING

Crappie are setting up on brush and the first break near points — a small jig under a slip float or tight-lined over cover can fill a midday lull.

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	Banner Creek is a compact, clear-water county reservoir with a park around it, so expect posted park rules, an entry or boating permit check at the gate, and well-kept ramp lanes.	
Clarity	Points near the ramp give a fast first-drop check in clear water before you commit to a long troll.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at the Banner Creek public boat ramp and the riprap beside it, then walk the park shoreline toward the dam and any posted public bank on the nearest creek arm. After the fog burns off, move to shade — dock edges, brush, or the shadow line under trees — and fish slower.

KAYAK

Banner Creek is an excellent kayak lake this week. Launch from the public boat ramp once the fog lifts and paddle the shoreline toward the dam, pausing on every point to fish the first break. Near-calm air lets you sit quietly over clear water and pick apart brush with a weedless jig or a Texas-rig worm.

BOAT

Launch at the Banner Creek public boat ramp, confirm the park's boating permit and motor rules, and treat this as a short-run lake. Idle out after the fog lifts and graph the main-lake points and dam-side rock for bait on the first break; clear water and glassy conditions make a long cast and light fluorocarbon the difference.

LURE BOX

TOP

One walking topwater for the last hour.

MID

Banner Creek clear-water box: a weightless stickbait. A small spinnerbait or squarebill for the windward rock.

BOTTOM

A 1/8 oz shaky head in green pumpkin for glassy. A drop-shot with a small minnow or worm for the first break off points. A 3/8 oz jig for brush.