FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Barber State Fishing Lake area

Barber State Fishing Lake

Kansas

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

4/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 16°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 25 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~2%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–67°F**, lows **37–45°F**, rain chance up to **~2%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

51° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	S 10–20 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	—

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

60° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 15–25 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	—

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

67° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSW 15–25 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	—

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: S → SSW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (first light 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 **Catfish plan: Follow shad onto flats and creek channels 5-20 ft; fresh cut shad, drift or anchor.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Catfish are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~57°F — statewide median of 27 lake estimates from the observed air record (NOAA ACIS) — no coordinates on file for this lake; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Weekday traffic at Barber State Fishing Lake is usually softer than, but the Lower Lake Boat Ramp and courtesy-dock shoreline still draw after-work rods.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth and bluegill mix on the same Lower Lake Boat Ramp riprap and courtesy-dock shade you are fishing for cats — keep a stickbait or small jig ready as a bonus cast, then return to the bottom-bait plan on the prime low-light and late-day windows.

PRESSURE

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

WATER BOARD — LAKE CHEAT SHEET

FIXED Natural / small-impoundment water — no generation table. Check access rules and level notes with the managing agency before you go.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Permit / regs	Regs (KDWPT / KDWP summary): channel catfish and other species follow current Kansas statewide or lake-specific cards — confirm length and creel at the ramp board and on the KDWP Barber State Fishing Lake page before you keep fish.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the posted banks at the Lower Lake Boat Ramp, then walk the courtesy-dock shoreline and any open lower-lake public bank you can reach without leaving posted KDWP access.

KAYAK

Launch from the Lower Lake Boat Ramp and stay on the lower lake for this window. The light east-northeast breeze is ideal for a quiet paddle along the courtesy-dock shoreline and nearby lower-lake edges before the day warms into the mid-70s.

BOAT

Launch at the Lower Lake Boat Ramp (concrete with courtesy dock) and keep the plan on the lower lake. Idle out quietly and work ramp riprap plus the first lower-lake edge for channel catfish while the east-northeast breeze is still soft; graph only as far as water you can see holding before you burn fuel toward the upper end.

LURE BOX

TOP

No topwater slot on file for this water — stay mid / bottom.

MID

A weightless stickbait for calm banks. A small spinnerbait or squarebill for the SSW windblown shoreline.

BOTTOM

A chartreuse or black/blue jig for dock and riprap edges. One light panfish jig if bluegill show on the courtesy-dock shade.