Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Big Hill Reservoir

Kansas

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

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Big Hill Reservoir area

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

4/10 — Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 14°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~3%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **59–63°F**, lows **36–50°F**, rain chance up to **~3%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

59° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSE 2–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:01 AM / 5:10 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

60° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 7–12 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:02 AM / 5:10 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

63° F high

LOW	50°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 9–15 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	7:03 AM / 5:09 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:01 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: Follow shad into the backs of creeks and flats 1-10 ft; spinnerbait, squarebill and topwater at a fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~58°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Big Hill sees less traffic than the big Wichita and Kansas City-area lakes, but Timber Hill Park still draws weekday anglers and campers. If the ramp-side rock is occupied, move to the next point or use the Mound Valley side rather than crowding a bank angler.

ALSO BITING

Crappie are a Big Hill favorite and are moving toward brush and the first break this time of year — a small jig over cover can save a slow midday.

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 USACE SWT 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
Big Hill Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE SWT for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 856.94 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 0 cfs (Mon 3:00 AM CT)	USACE SWT
Permit / regs	Corps parks may have day-use fees or seasonal gate changes — read the park board on arrival.	
Clarity	Big Hill is a Corps lake with rocky shoreline, timbered coves, and clear water by Kansas standards.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the riprap and shoreline at the Timber Hill Park ramp first, then walk the park shoreline toward the nearest rocky point and any public Corps bank around Mound Valley. Watch footing on wet chunk rock.

KAYAK

Launch from the Timber Hill Park ramp and work the shoreline into the nearest timbered cove. Clear water lets you see wood and rock below you, so fish ahead of the boat with a weedless jig, a shaky head, or a drop-shot on the first break off points.

BOAT

Launch at the Timber Hill Park ramp and graph main-lake points and rocky banks before committing — Big Hill's clear water lets bass sit deeper than in stained lakes, often on the first break near rock. Fish slow with a drop-shot or shaky head on points near the ramp while the east-northeast breeze is soft.

LURE BOX

TOP

A walking topwater evening.

MID

A weightless stickbait for calm banks. A small crankbait. A spinnerbait for the windward water.

BOTTOM

Big Hill clear-water box: a Ned rig. A drop-shot in natural green or shad colors for points. A 3/8 oz football or finesse jig for rock.