FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Cheney Reservoir area

Cheney Reservoir

Kansas

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
~ 12°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 25 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–63°F**, lows **40–50°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. 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	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 7–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:12 AM / 5:19 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

60° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 17–24 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:13 AM / 5:18 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

63° F high

LOW	50°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 22–25 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:14 AM / 5:18 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 (7:12 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.

Basis: water 57°F — USGS lake gauge 07144790 (Cheney Re Nr Cheney, Ks, 8 km), 24-h mean to Mon 4:15 AM; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Weekday traffic at Cheney State Park is softer than, but Eastshore banks and Westshore recreation shoreline still draw after-work spinning rods from the Wichita corridor.

ALSO BITING

Wipers often mix on windward Eastshore points when the south wind piles shad against State Park riprap and main-lake rock — keep a small spoon or slim crank handy as a bonus bait, then return to the largemouth timber plan in Westshore.

PRESSURE

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

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
Cheney Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE SWT for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,419.97 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 0 cfs (Mon 3:00 AM CT)	USACE SWT

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the posted banks at Cheney State Park, starting on Eastshore recreation shoreline, then walk Westshore public banks as the sun climbs. The light southeast air favors a quiet stickbait crawl along Eastshore rock; keep a compact jig ready for the first brush pile you can reach without a boat.

KAYAK

Launch from Cheney State Park Eastshore or Westshore launches and stay inside protected arms when the south wind builds. The calm southeast pattern is ideal for a quiet paddle along Westshore timber before the main lake wakes up; parallel the wood line, then stake out on the best shade once the high climbs toward the mid-70s.

BOAT

Launch at the Cheney State Park Eastshore and Westshore ramps. Work Eastshore riprap while the southeast breeze is still light; graph Ninnescah River channel swings for suspended shad before you commit to a long dam run.

LURE BOX

TOP

One topwater or small spoon when wipers crash shad on points.

MID

Cheney's box should cover windblown Eastshore riprap and Westshore timber: a chartreuse or white spinnerbait for south-wind rock. A squarebill for riprap transitions. A weightless stickbait for calm banks.

BOTTOM

A compact jig and Texas-rig creature for timber in the arms. A shaky head or drop-shot for clear midday channel swings.