FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Clinton Lake area

Clinton Lake

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
~ 11°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 20 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~13%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **57–62°F**, lows **37–48°F**, rain chance up to **~13%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

57° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 0–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:05 AM / 5:06 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

59° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 10–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:06 AM / 5:06 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

62° F high

LOW	48°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 15–20 mph
RAIN	~13%
SUN	7:07 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 (7:05 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: estimated water ~57°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 1 nearby USGS lake gauge; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Weekday traffic at Clinton State Park is softer than, but Bloomington Park banks and Overlook pull-offs still draw after-work spinning rods from the Lawrence corridor.

ALSO BITING

White bass and wipers often mix on windward Overlook points when the south breeze piles shad against the rock — keep a slim crank or small spoon handy as a bonus bait, then return to the largemouth timber plan in the Wakarusa arm.

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 NWDM 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
Clinton Dam & Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 876.81 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 7 cfs (Sun 6:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM
Clarity	The patchy fog keeps the first hour quiet — crawl a stickbait along Bloomington riprap until visibility opens, then slide toward Rockhaven-adjacent public banks once the fog lifts.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Walk the posted shoreline at Bloomington Park, then rotate to Overlook Park banks and Clinton State Park recreation shoreline as the sun climbs. The patchy fog keeps the first hour quiet — crawl a stickbait along Bloomington riprap until visibility opens, then slide toward Rockhaven-adjacent public banks once the fog lifts.

KAYAK

Launch from Bloomington Park or Clinton State Park launches and stay inside Wakarusa arms when the south wind builds. The fog-then-sun pattern is ideal for a quiet paddle along timber before the main basin wakes; parallel the wood, then stake out on the best shade once the high climbs toward the mid-70s.

BOAT

Run out from the Clinton State Park and Bloomington Park ramps. Idle through patchy fog with lights , then work Bloomington and Overlook riprap while the east breeze is still light; graph Wakarusa channel swings for suspended shad before you commit to a dam run.

LURE BOX

TOP

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

MID

Clinton's box should cover Bloomington riprap and Wakarusa timber: a white or chartreuse spinnerbait for south-wind rock. A squarebill for riprap transitions. A weightless stickbait for foggy banks.

BOTTOM

A compact jig and Texas-rig creature for arm wood. A shaky head or drop-shot for clear midday channel swings.