Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Cowley State Fishing Lake area

Cowley State Fishing Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

4/10 — Fair odds

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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 Cowley State Fishing Lake is usually softer than, but the Cowley boat ramp and nearby shoreline still draw after-work rods from around Cowley County.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth and bluegill mix on the same Cowley boat ramp riprap and 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 (KDWP summary): channel catfish, black bass, crappie, and other species follow current Kansas statewide limits unless Cowley State Fishing Lake carries a lake-specific posting — confirm length and creel at the ramp board and on the KDWP Cowley State Fishing Lake page before you keep fish.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the posted banks at the Cowley boat ramp, then walk the ramp-side shoreline and any open public bank you can reach without leaving posted KDWP access around Cowley.

KAYAK

Launch from the Cowley boat ramp and keep this window's paddle compact. The light east-northeast breeze is ideal for a quiet glide along the ramp-side shoreline and nearby edges at Cowley before the day warms into the mid-70s.

BOAT

Launch at the Cowley boat ramp and keep the plan compact — Cowley is a state fishing lake, not a big reservoir run, so read the ramp board for any horsepower or no-wake rule before you idle out.

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 in the shade.