FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Crawford State Fishing Lake area

Crawford 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 Crawford State Fishing Lake is usually softer than, but the Crawford Boat Ramp #1 and nearby shoreline still draw after-work rods from around Crawford County.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth and bluegill mix on the same Crawford Boat Ramp #1 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 Crawford State Fishing Lake carries a lake-specific posting — confirm length and creel at the ramp board and on the KDWP Crawford State Fishing Lake page before you keep fish.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the posted banks at the Crawford Boat Ramp #1, then walk the spillway-side shoreline near the ramp and any open public bank you can reach without leaving posted KDWP access around Crawford.

KAYAK

Launch from the Crawford Boat Ramp #1 and keep this window's paddle compact. The light east-northeast breeze is ideal for a quiet glide along the spillway-side shoreline and nearby edges at Crawford before the day warms into the mid-70s.

BOAT

Launch at the Crawford Boat Ramp #1 and keep the plan compact — Crawford 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. A finesse rod at the Crawford Boat Ramp #1 so you can change lanes without a full re-tackle when the SSW wind flips the bite.