Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for El Dorado Lake area

El Dorado Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 23 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~2%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **54–63°F**, lows **38–48°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

54° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSW 3–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:08 AM / 5:15 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	42°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 9–18 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:09 AM / 5:14 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	48°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 17–23 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	7:10 AM / 5:13 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:08 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), adjusted by 2 nearby

NATURAL FORAGE

Pressure on El Dorado should stay lighter than a weekend, but El Dorado State Park shoreline and the Bluestem ramp corridor still see evening traffic after work from the Wichita and Butler County corridor.

ALSO BITING

Wipers and white bass are the bonus mix when birds work open water over Walnut channel swings or along Bluestem points — keep a small spoon or slim crank ready, but do not abandon the largemouth timber plan.

PRESSURE

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

USGS lake gauges; no water-temperature 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
El Dorado Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE SWT for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,337.47 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 5 cfs (Mon 3:00 AM CT)	USACE SWT

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the posted banks at El Dorado State Park, starting on Bluestem Point shoreline, then walk Boulder Bluff recreation banks and Shady Creek arm shoreline as the sun climbs. The light southeast air favors a quiet stickbait crawl along Bluestem rock; keep a compact jig ready for the first brush pile you can reach without a boat.

KAYAK

Launch from El Dorado State Park ramps near Bluestem or Shady Creek and stay inside protected arms for this window. The light southeast breeze is perfect for a silent paddle along Shady Creek timber — parallel the wood, then stake out on the outside edge once the sun clears the ridges.

BOAT

Run out from the El Dorado State Park ramps serving Bluestem and Shady Creek. Graph Walnut River old-channel swings and flooded timber before you burn fuel on a long dam run.

LURE BOX

TOP

One walking topwater for calm dawn shad activity.

MID

Pack a weightless stickbait in green pumpkin. A 1/2-oz spinnerbait or squarebill for the windblown rock.

BOTTOM

A compact flipping jig with a craw trailer. A Texas-rig creature for thicker Shady Creek wood. A shaky head or drop-shot for clear midday water on channel swings.