FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Fall River Reservoir area

Fall River Reservoir

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Fair odds

4/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 13°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 18 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~3%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **58–63°F**, lows **36–49°F**, rain chance up to **~3%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

58° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 1–9 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:05 AM / 5:12 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	41°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 6–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:06 AM / 5:12 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	49°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 12–18 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	7:07 AM / 5:11 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. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~59°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Fall River usually has light weekday traffic compared with larger Wichita-area lakes. Engineers Cove and the state park draw the most anglers and campers, so if the ramp riprap is taken, walk the dam rock or move a cove over.

ALSO BITING

White bass can school on main-lake points when the wind pushes shad, so keep a small swimbait or spoon on the deck. Crappie are moving to brush and timber edges in the arm.

PRESSURE

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

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
Fall River Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE SWT for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 948.01 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 12 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE SWT
Permit / regs	Bass regs (Kansas statewide summary): black bass at Fall River follow Kansas statewide length and creel rules unless KDWP posts a lake-specific limit — confirm the current KDWP regulations summary and the ramp board before you keep fish.	
Clarity	The river arm is usually stained and holds wood.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Work the riprap at the Fall River–Engineers Cove public ramp first, then walk the dam-side rock and the Fall River State Park shoreline where posted. Watch footing on the rock, carry water for the hot afternoon, and leave room at the Engineers Cove pull-off.

KAYAK

This is a good morning to fish rock and brush slowly with a jig or Texas rig, then cover the same water again with a spinnerbait once the sun is up.

BOAT

Graph main-lake points for bait before picking a spot. The SSW wind is the day to run a crankbait or spinnerbait on windward points and dam rock, using spot-lock or a drift sock to hold on the best stretch.

LURE BOX

TOP

A walking topwater for the hot evenings.

MID

A squarebill. A 3/8 oz spinnerbait for windward rock. A lipless crank for covering points.

BOTTOM

Fall River box: a Ned rig. A shaky head for rock in the cool mornings. A 3/8 oz jig with a craw trailer for brush.