FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Waconda Lake (Glen Elder) area

Waconda Lake (Glen Elder)

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
~ 12°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 **52–64°F**, lows **41–46°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

52° F high

LOW	44°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	S 10–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:18 AM / 5:17 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

59° F high

LOW	46°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	S 15–25 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:19 AM / 5:17 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

64° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 15–25 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	7:20 AM / 5:16 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 (7:18 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 ~56°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 Glen Elder State Park is softer than, but State Park banks and Cawker City–side shoreline still draw after-work spinning rods.

ALSO BITING

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

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
Glen Elder Dam (Waconda Lake)	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,457.35 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 500 cfs (Sun 6:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the posted banks at Glen Elder State Park, then walk Cawker City–side public shoreline and Granite Creek recreation banks as the sun climbs. The SSE breeze favors a stickbait or spinnerbait along State Park rock where wind already pins bait; keep a compact jig ready for the first brush pile you can reach without a boat.

KAYAK

Launch from Glen Elder State Park and stay inside protected arms when the SSE wind builds. The south wind still makes open Waconda ugly — skip the long fetch and grind secondary banks inside the State Park with a Texas-rig or spinnerbait. The northeast hush lets you edge toward Cawker City–side rock without a hazardous return.

BOAT

Launch at the Glen Elder State Park ramps. Work windward State Park riprap while the SSE breeze is honest; graph Solomon River channel swings for suspended shad before you commit to a long dam run. Stays warm and south-breezy — fish the blown rock early, then retreat to quieter secondary points and Granite Creek timber.

LURE BOX

TOP

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

MID

Waconda's box should cover windblown State Park riprap and Granite Creek timber: a chartreuse or white spinnerbait for SSE-wind rock. A squarebill for riprap transitions. A weightless stickbait for calmer banks.

BOTTOM

A compact jig and Texas-rig creature for timber in the arms. A shaky head or drop-shot for clear midday channel swings.