Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for John Redmond Reservoir area

John Redmond Reservoir

Kansas

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 12°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 20 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~8%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **57–62°F**, lows **36–48°F**, rain chance up to **~8%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

57° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 0–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:05 AM / 5:10 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

TUESDAY NOV 17

59° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 10–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:06 AM / 5:09 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

62° F high

LOW	48°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 15–20 mph
RAIN	~8%
SUN	7:07 AM / 5:08 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.

Basis: estimated water ~58°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

John Redmond sees moderate weekday traffic, with the dam area busiest on windy days when shore anglers line the rock. If the rock near the ramp is crowded, spread out along the dam rather than stacking.

ALSO BITING

Crappie are moving to brush and riprap, and a small jig along the dam can produce. Channel and flathead catfish bite well in the evening on the warm nights.

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 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
John Redmond Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE SWT for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,041.56 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 841 cfs (Mon 3:00 AM CT)	USACE SWT
Permit / regs	Bass regs (Kansas statewide summary): black bass at John Redmond 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	John Redmond is a large, shallow Corps reservoir on the Neosho River with wide flats, a long dam face, and often stained water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish from the John Redmond public boat ramp and walk the dam-side rock and any Corps shoreline near the ramp. The light southwest breeze calms things again, so fish the first and last hour of light and watch for birds. Channel catfish are a solid evening option from the bank with cut shad on a simple bottom rig.

KAYAK

Launch from the public boat ramp on calm or and stay near shore — John Redmond's wide, shallow flats can get rough quickly when the wind builds, and there is little shelter in open water. The fog before 10 a.m. Means waiting near the ramp until you can see.

BOAT

Launch at the public boat ramp and run the flats and dam on calm mornings looking for birds and boils — the classic sign of white bass chasing shad. Ease up to the edge of a school on the trolling motor and cast a spoon, swimbait, or slab rather than running through it.

LURE BOX

TOP

No topwater slot on file for this water — stay mid / bottom.

MID

A lipless crank for casting to breaking fish. A shallow crankbait for the dam rock.

BOTTOM

John Redmond box: a 1/4–1/2 oz slab spoon for vertical jigging. A small swimbait on a 1/4 oz jighead. A tandem-rig of small jigs for schooling fish.