Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Kanopolis Lake area

Kanopolis 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
~ 12°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 28 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–63°F**, lows **40–43°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. 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	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 7–17 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:14 AM / 5:18 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	43°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 16–25 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:15 AM / 5:17 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	43°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 22–28 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:17 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 (7:14 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 2 nearby USGS lake gauges; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Kanopolis draws Ellsworth County locals and weekend campers to the state park; pressure is usually light except at the South Shore and dam on windy white-bass days. If the South Shore rock is crowded, try Buzzard Bay or Horsethief Canyon.

ALSO BITING

Wipers school with white bass on the same windblown rock and hit the same spoons and swimbaits, often harder. Largemouth hold in the canyon coves around Horsethief Canyon and Buzzard Bay — a jig or Texas rig is the secondary plan when white bass go quiet.

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
Kanopolis Dam & Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,465.90 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 94 cfs (Sun 6:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM
Permit / regs	Bass regs (Kansas statewide summary): black bass at Kanopolis 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	Shad and white/chartreuse colors fit stained windblown water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at the Kanopolis–South Shore public ramp, then walk the South Shore rock toward the nearest point and the dam-side rock if you can reach it on foot. The softer SSW air lets you slow down with a jig or soft plastic for largemouth in the first cove. Wear sturdy shoes and bring sunglasses for the glare.

KAYAK

Kanopolis is a tough kayak lake this week, especially. Fish rock edges with a spoon or small swimbait for white bass, and keep a jig for cove bass. Wear a PFD, carry water, and keep a short abort to the ramp — Kanopolis whitecaps build fast on a south wind.

BOAT

Launch at the South Shore public ramp and plan around the wind. Fish windward points and the dam with spoons, slabs, and swimbaits while the SSE breeze builds through the day. Watch the wave pattern on the main lake before you leave the South Shore, and load carefully when the ramp is taking waves.

LURE BOX

TOP

A walking topwater for calm dawn.

MID

Kanopolis box: a 1/4–1/2 oz slab spoon. A small swimbait. A lipless crank.

BOTTOM

A 3/8 oz jig for cove bass. Shad and white/chartreuse colors fit stained windblown water.