FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Keith Sebelius Reservoir (Norton) area

Keith Sebelius Reservoir (Norton)

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

4/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 13°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 25 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~4%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **54–67°F**, lows **36–45°F**, rain chance up to **~4%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

54° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Partly Sunny
WIND	S 10–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:25 AM / 5:23 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	45°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 15–25 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:26 AM / 5:22 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

67° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SW 10–25 mph
RAIN	~4%
SUN	7:27 AM / 5:21 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:25 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 **Walleye plan: Fish rock and gravel 10-25 ft at low light; jig and minnow or troll stickbaits, moderate.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Walleye are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~55°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Sebelius sees light weekday traffic outside the Norton local crowd and Prairie Dog State Park campers. West Leota is the busiest ramp, so if the bank there is crowded, try East Leota or Lenora.

ALSO BITING

White bass school on the same windblown points — a small spoon or swimbait will tell you quickly if they are around. Largemouth hold in the coves and any flooded brush, a good secondary plan when the wind lays down.

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
Norton Dam (Keith Sebelius Lake)	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: observed outflow (USACE) 1 cfs (Sun 6:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM
Permit / regs	Bass regs (Kansas statewide summary): black bass at Keith Sebelius 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	Natural perch and chartreuse colors fit wind-stained water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the shoreline at the West Leota public ramp, then walk the rock and points you can reach on the west side and any East Leota public bank. Wear a windbreaker, sturdy shoes, and eye protection against blowing grit.

KAYAK

No kayak slot on file for this water — confirm access with the managing agency before you go.

BOAT

Launch at the West Leota public ramp only when the wind allows. The northeast flip moves the windblown water to the south and west banks, so start there. Use a drift sock on breezy days, mind shallow flats if the pool is low, and leave trailer room at West Leota.

LURE BOX

TOP

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

MID

A slab spoon. Shallow and medium crankbaits in perch and chartreuse. A spinnerbait for windblown banks.

BOTTOM

Sebelius box: 1/4–3/8 oz jigheads with soft-plastic minnows or a crawler for walleye. A bottom-bouncer and crawler harness for trolling. A light jig for white bass.