FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Marion Reservoir

Kansas

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

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Marion Reservoir area

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 23 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~2%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **54–60°F**, lows **41–48°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

54° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:10 AM / 5:15 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

TUESDAY NOV 17

58° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 9–20 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:11 AM / 5:14 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

60° F high

LOW	48°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 15–23 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	7:12 AM / 5:13 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 (7:10 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

Marion sees moderate weekday traffic, with the Hillsboro ramp the busiest. If the rock near the ramp is crowded, move to Cottonwood or French Creek.

ALSO BITING

White bass and walleye school on main-lake points on windy — a slab spoon or swimbait can turn a slow bass day around. Crappie are moving to brush and cove wood.

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
Marion Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE SWT for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,350.32 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 2 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE SWT
Permit / regs	Bass regs (Kansas statewide summary): black bass at Marion 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	Stained cove water and wood fish best on calm evening.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at the Marion–Hillsboro public ramp, then walk the main-lake rock nearby and the Cottonwood or French Creek park banks. The patchy fog between 7 and 10 a.m. Wear sturdy shoes and watch the waves on the rock.

KAYAK

Launch from the Hillsboro ramp or when the wind is light, and stay in the nearest cove or along protected shoreline. The fog means waiting until about 10 a.m. For good visibility.

BOAT

Launch at the Hillsboro public ramp. Idle out after the fog lifts and fish main-lake rock slowly with a jig or soft plastic on the first break. Run into Cottonwood or French Creek and fish wood and stained banks in the calm, then make a topwater pass at dusk.

LURE BOX

TOP

A buzzbait for evening in the coves.

MID

A squarebill. A lipless crank. A 3/8–1/2 oz spinnerbait for the wind.

BOTTOM

Marion box: a 3/8 oz jig. A Texas-rig creature for rock and wood. Shad and chartreuse colors fit wind-stained water.