FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for McPherson State Fishing Lake area

McPherson State Fishing Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

4/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 16°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 **51–67°F**, lows **37–45°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

51° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	S 10–20 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	—

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

60° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 15–25 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	—

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

67° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSW 15–25 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	—

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (first light 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 ~57°F — statewide median of 27 lake estimates from the observed air record (NOAA ACIS) — no coordinates on file for this lake; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Weekday pressure at McPherson State Fishing Lake should stay lighter than a weekend, but the McPherson west-shore boat ramp still draws after-work anglers from around McPherson County.

ALSO BITING

Bluegill and crappie share the same shade lines and brush you are fishing for largemouth at McPherson — keep a light jig ready as a bonus cast.

PRESSURE

Weekday traffic — lighter than the weekend. Fish early, give ramps and swim areas room.

WATER BOARD — LAKE CHEAT SHEET

FIXED Natural / small-impoundment water — no generation table. Check access rules and level notes with the managing agency before you go.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Permit / regs	Bass regs (Kansas statewide summary): black bass follow Kansas statewide length and creel rules at McPherson State Fishing Lake unless a lake-specific posting says otherwise — confirm the current KDWP card and the ramp board before you keep fish.	
Clarity	Natural colors fit clear calm water; go chartreuse/white on the spinnerbait if the windward bank is stained.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start on the posted shoreline at the McPherson west-shore boat ramp, then work the west-shore bank near the entrance and any open public bank you can reach without leaving KDWP access at McPherson.

KAYAK

Launch from the McPherson west-shore boat ramp once you can see across the water — the patchy fog before 10 a.m. Is reason enough to wait or hug the bank near the launch until it lifts.

BOAT

Launch at the McPherson west-shore boat ramp and keep the plan compact — McPherson is a state fishing lake, so read the ramp board for any horsepower or no-wake rule before you idle out. Give bank and kayak anglers room at the ramp, and keep wakes down on this small water.

LURE BOX

TOP

One walking topwater for the last hour before dark.

MID

McPherson's largemouth box: a weightless stickbait in green pumpkin for the calm foggy dawn. A small spinnerbait or squarebill for the south breeze.

BOTTOM

A 3/8 oz jig with a craw trailer for shade and brush. A Texas-rig creature or worm for weed pockets. A shaky head or drop-shot for the bright glassy midday.