FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Melvern Lake area

Melvern Lake

Kansas

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Fair odds

6/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 20 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~9%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **57–62°F**, lows **38–48°F**, rain chance up to **~9%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

57° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 0–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:05 AM / 5:09 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 / 5:08 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	~9%
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 ~57°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

Melvern sees moderate weekday traffic, with West, East, and Eisenhower State Park drawing the most anglers. If the ramp rock is busy, move to the next point.

ALSO BITING

Melvern also holds smallmouth on chunk rock, so a Ned rig on points can surprise you — know the limits for each bass species.

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
Melvern Dam & Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,037.83 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 20 cfs (Sun 6:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM
Permit / regs	Corps day-use and park rules apply — read the board at whichever ramp you use.	
Clarity	Fog before 10 a.m. — wait for visibility before a long run from the West ramp.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the Melvern–West public ramp shoreline, then walk to the nearest chunk-rock point and any Melvern–East public bank. Once the sun is up and the surface is glassy, slide to shade and keep the same slow approach. Polarized glasses help you spot rock and cruising fish.

KAYAK

And paddle the nearest rocky shoreline. Near-calm are excellent kayak days on clear water — sit off a point and fish a drop-shot or Ned rig on the first break, then pitch a jig into shady wood in the coves. You will often see rock and fish below you, so keep your distance and make long casts.

BOAT

Launch at the Melvern–West public ramp and graph points and rock piles before you fish — clear water lets bass sit deeper than on stained lakes. Idle out after the fog and fish the first break with a drop-shot, shaky head, or football jig.

LURE BOX

TOP

A walking topwater.

MID

A small crankbait and spinnerbait for the wind. A swimbait for suspended fish off points. A weightless stickbait.

BOTTOM

Melvern clear-water box: a Ned rig. A drop-shot. A 1/8 oz shaky head in natural green and brown.