FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Middle Creek State Fishing Lake area

Middle Creek State Fishing Lake

Kansas

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

4/10 — Fair odds

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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

Middle Creek draws Louisburg and south Kansas City-area after-work anglers, so the dock and ramp banks see steady pressure even. If the dock bank is busy, slide to the next public edge or paddle a few minutes.

ALSO BITING

Bluegill and crappie share the same dock shade and brush, and a light jig under a small float is a fun way to fill a slow midday.

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 at Middle Creek 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	Fog before 10 a.m. — wait for visibility before paddling away from the ramp.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the Middle Creek Boat Ramp and courtesy-dock shoreline first, then walk to any open public bank you can reach without leaving KDWP access. The patchy fog and near-calm east air make the first hour a time for a weightless stickbait or a small jig worked slowly along the dock and riprap.

KAYAK

Launch from the Middle Creek Boat Ramp after the fog lifts and stay inside a short paddle of the public shoreline. Near-calm are perfect for a quiet kayak — slide along wooded banks and pitch a weedless jig into laydowns, then sit off the courtesy dock and work the first drop with a shaky head.

BOAT

Launch at the Middle Creek Boat Ramp, read the ramp board, and keep the plan compact — this is a state fishing lake, not a reservoir, so any posted horsepower or no-wake rule comes first. Wait for the fog to lift and then fish dock and ramp cover slowly with a trolling motor and a weightless stickbait.

LURE BOX

TOP

A walking topwater evening.

MID

Middle Creek box: a weightless stickbait. A small spinnerbait or squarebill. Bright days — a 4-inch stickbait.

BOTTOM

A compact 5/16 oz jig. A Texas-rig creature for laydowns. A light panfish jig.