FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Milford Lake area

Milford Lake

Kansas

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	− Up to 20 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~5%)	− Winter	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **57–63°F**, lows **40–45°F**, rain chance up to **~5%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

57° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	S 5–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:11 AM / 5:12 PM

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	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 15–20 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:12 AM / 5:11 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

63° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 15–20 mph
RAIN	~5%
SUN	7:14 AM / 5:11 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 (7:11 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

WINTER **Largemouth plan: Fish 15-30 ft bluff ends and channel swings; slow-roll a jig, blade bait or suspending jerkbait with long pauses.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the winter pattern — slow metabolism, holding deep and tight to structure.

Basis: water 48°F — USGS lake gauge 391259097001800 (Milford Lake Near Wakefield, Ks, 10 km), 24-h mean to Mon 3:45 AM; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Weekday traffic at Milford State Park is softer than, but the State Park banks and School Creek recreation shoreline still draw after-work spinning rods.

ALSO BITING

White bass and wipers often mix on windward points when the south wind piles shad against Milford State Park riprap and main-lake rock — keep a small spoons or slim crank handy as a bonus bait, then return to the largemouth timber plan in Curtis Creek.

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
Milford Dam & Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,146.59 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 1,000 cfs (Sun 6:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM
Permit / regs	KDWPT Milford bass regulation summary and zebra mussel notes — confirm current postings.	
Clarity	The patchy fog keeps the first hour quiet — crawl a stickbait along State Park riprap until visibility opens, then rotate to Curtis Creek wood once the fog lifts.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the posted banks at Milford State Park, then walk Curtis Creek arm shoreline, Outlet Park–area banks, and School Creek recreation shoreline as the sun climbs. The patchy fog keeps the first hour quiet — crawl a stickbait along State Park riprap until visibility opens, then rotate to Curtis Creek wood once the fog lifts.

KAYAK

Launch from Milford State Park or the Curtis Creek launches and stay inside protected arms when the south wind builds. The fog-then-sun pattern is ideal for a quiet paddle along Curtis Creek timber before the main lake wakes up; parallel the wood line, then stake out on the best shade once the high climbs toward the mid-70s.

BOAT

Launch at the Milford State Park and School Creek recreation ramps. Idle out through patchy fog with lights , then work windward riprap while the southeast-to-south breeze is still light; graph Republican River channel swings for suspended shad before you commit to a long dam run.

LURE BOX

TOP

One topwater or small spoon when white bass and wipers crash shad on points.

MID

Milford’s box should cover windblown riprap and Curtis Creek timber: a chartreuse or white spinnerbait for south-wind rock. A squarebill for riprap transitions. A weightless stickbait for foggy banks.

BOTTOM

A compact jig and Texas-rig creature for timber in the arms. A shaky head or drop-shot for clear midday channel swings.