FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Ottawa State Fishing Lake area

Ottawa 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 Ottawa State Fishing Lake should be light, especially on windy, but the Ottawa South Boat Ramp still sees after-work anglers from around Ottawa County. If the bank by the ramp is taken, walk to the next open public stretch.

ALSO BITING

Bluegill and crappie hold on the same shade lines and brush near the Ottawa South Boat Ramp — keep a light jig handy.

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 Ottawa State Fishing Lake unless a lake-specific posting says otherwise — confirm the current KDWP card and the ramp board before you keep fish.	
Clarity	Chartreuse/white blades fit wind-stained water; switch to green pumpkin and natural shad on calm, clear banks.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at the Ottawa South Boat Ramp, then work the courtesy-dock shoreline and any open public bank you can reach without leaving KDWP access at Ottawa. The northeast breeze flips the windblown side to the south and west banks; move with it. Wear sunglasses and a hat for the bright, breezy days and keep your footing on wet rock.

KAYAK

No kayak slot on file for this water — confirm access with the managing agency before you go.

BOAT

Launch at the Ottawa South Boat Ramp and read the ramp board for any horsepower or no-wake rule — Ottawa is a state fishing lake, not a reservoir run. Use the gusty south wind: position on the downwind north side and fish windblown banks and points with moving baits, using a drift sock or spot-lock to stay in the strike zone.

LURE BOX

TOP

One walking topwater for the calmer dawn.

MID

A squarebill for the windblown banks. A lipless crank for covering open flats in the gusts. A weightless stickbait.

BOTTOM

Ottawa's largemouth box: a 3/8–1/2 oz spinnerbait or bladed jig. A 3/8 oz jig for the hot calm shade. A Texas-rig worm or creature for weed pockets.