FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Wilson Lake area

Wilson Lake

Kansas

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Fair odds

4/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 14°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 29 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–64°F**, lows **41–43°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

50° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 8–17 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:18 AM / 5:19 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

59° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 21–28 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:19 AM / 5:19 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

64° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 18–29 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:20 AM / 5:18 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 (7:18 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 2 nearby USGS lake gauges; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Weekday traffic at Wilson State Park is softer than, but Hell Creek banks and Lucas Park shoreline still draw after-work spinning rods from the Russell County corridor.

ALSO BITING

Stripers and white bass often mix on windward Hell Creek and State Park points when the south wind piles shad against the rock — keep a slim crank or small spoon handy as a bonus bait, then return to the largemouth rock plan in Lucas Park.

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
Wilson Dam & Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,511.29 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 5 cfs (Sun 6:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM
Clarity	Clear water rewards longer casts and natural colors; wear traction shoes on slick rock and leave space at popular pull-offs.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the posted banks at Wilson State Park, starting on Hell Creek recreation shoreline, then walk Lucas Park banks and Minooka Park public shoreline as the sun climbs.

KAYAK

Launch from Wilson State Park near Hell Creek or Lucas Park and stay inside protected pockets when the south wind builds. The north hush lets you edge toward Minooka rock without a hazardous return.

BOAT

Launch at the Wilson State Park, Hell Creek, and Lucas Park ramps. Work windward Hell Creek and State Park bluffs while the south breeze is honest; graph Saline River channel swings for suspended shad before you commit to a long dam run.

LURE BOX

TOP

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

MID

Wilson's clear-water box should cover windblown bluffs and Hell Creek rock: a white or chartreuse spinnerbait for south-wind stone. A squarebill for riprap transitions. A weightless stickbait for calmer banks.

BOTTOM

A compact jig and Texas-rig creature for shaded pockets. A shaky head or drop-shot for clear midday channel swings.