Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for A.J. Jolly Lake area

A.J. Jolly Lake

Kentucky
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

9/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 1–3 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **54–63°F**, lows **34–37°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

54° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 1 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:21 AM / 5:23 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

TUESDAY NOV 17

58° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Widespread Fog then Sunny
WIND	E 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:22 AM / 5:22 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

63° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:23 AM / 5:21 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: NE → E → S · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:21 AM EST) → ~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 ~58°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

Threadfin and gizzard shad lead the menu, with bream and crawfish around wood. Match shad early and crawfish colors on bottom baits.

ALSO BITING

Crappie are sliding toward brush and deeper wood.

PRESSURE

Weekday traffic — lighter than the weekend. Fish early, give ramps and swim areas room.

DAM & WATER — CONFIRM BEFORE YOU LAUNCH

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No shared generation/level feed this cycle — check the agency page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Confirm	Kentucky Fish and Wildlife	fw.ky.gov
Clarity	On bright, calm afternoons, longer casts and lighter line help in clear water along the dam and main points.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Jolly Lake is closed to recreation in 2026 for dam-safety repairs. There is no legal bank fishing while the closure stands. Check the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife alert page before you make the drive, and plan your trip on an open public lake instead.

KAYAK

Do not paddle A.J. Jolly Lake while the 2026 recreation closure is in effect. Choose another public lake in the area, and verify that water is open before you load the kayak.

BOAT

Do not trailer to A.J. Jolly Lake while the lake is closed for dam-safety repairs. The ramp is not available for launching.

LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait or walking bait along wood at first light. Hollow-body frog over mats where present. Popper in the backs of pockets when shad flick.

MID

Squarebill (shad) off stumps and laydowns. Spinnerbait on windblown banks. Lipless crankbait over flats when a breeze blows.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged worm in shade. Jig or creature bait flipped to wood. Shaky-head or Carolina rig on deeper points midday.