FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Barren River Lake area

Barren River Lake

Kentucky

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 2–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **57–65°F**, lows **32–36°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

57° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:23 AM / 4:33 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

61° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:24 AM / 4:33 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

65° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SE 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:25 AM / 4:32 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 → SE | Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:23 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. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~60°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 1 nearby

NATURAL FORAGE

Shad are the main fall forage on Barren, so match a shad profile first, especially in the lower lake. Crayfish stay important along riprap and chunk rock, and bluegill hold around docks and wood.

ALSO BITING

Hybrid and white bass. Hybrid striped bass and white bass chase shad on main-lake points and flats early and late.

PRESSURE

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

USGS lake gauge; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE LRL 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
Barren River Lake Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE LRL for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 533.94 ft (Mon 3:30 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 2,770 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE LRL
Confirm	Kentucky Fish and Wildlife fishing page	fw.ky.gov
Clarity	Beaver Creek and Skaggs Creek arms toward Glasgow: stained, wood-lined water where largemouth set up first as the nights cool.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Barren River Lake State Resort Park near Lucas has shoreline and riprap along the park road and around the marina where posted open, and it is the best walk-in spot on the lake. The Corps recreation areas at Bailey's Point and The Narrows add rocky shoreline and points within a short walk of parking.

KAYAK

Light winds make this a good paddling window. Launch at Bailey's Point or the state park and work the nearest creek arm: laydowns, the first channel bend, and any shade line along the steep bank. A short drift along standing wood with a weightless stick bait or a spinnerbait covers water quickly.

BOAT

Launch at the state resort park marina, Bailey's Point, The Narrows, or Port Oliver. When the sun is up, move to the first drop off those same points and fish brush and rock with a shaky head or football jig.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (bone or chrome) on riprap and points at first light. Buzzbait along wood and shaded banks at dawn and dusk. Popper around dock corners on the calm morning.

MID

Squarebill (shad or craw) bumping riprap and stumps. Spinnerbait (white) on any wind-blown bank Small paddle-tail swimbait counted down to fish under bait.

BOTTOM

Shaky head or Ned rig (green pumpkin) on rock once the sun is up. Football jig on the first break off main-lake points. Jigging spoon for suspended fish under shad balls.