Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Kentucky Lake area

Kentucky 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 **59–65°F**, lows **37–44°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

59° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ENE 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:31 AM / 4:42 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

62° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SE 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:32 AM / 4:41 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

65° F high

LOW	44°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSE 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:33 AM / 4:40 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: ENE → SE → SSE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:31 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); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Watch for shad flicking in the bays at dawn. Launch at Kenlake State Resort Park or a public ramp in a protected bay and work grass edges, wood, and pockets at first light with a frog or a buzzbait.

ALSO BITING

Catfish · white bass. Sauger · smallmouth.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. Generation schedule and flows below are copied from the operator as posted at the Cast pull — schedules change; re-check the operator page the morning you fish. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Kentucky Dam	Mon 11/16: Midnight - 2 AM CST 1, 2 AM - 3 AM CST 3, 3 AM - Noon CST 4 or more, Noon - 3 PM CST 3, 3 PM - Midnight CST 4 or more · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — TVA Observed: pool 354.81 ft (4 AM CST); outflow 21,067 cfs (4 AM CST)	TVA
Confirm	Kentucky Fish and Wildlife fishing page	fw.ky.gov
Permit / regs	Farther south, Kenlake State Resort Park near Aurora has shoreline around the marina and day-use areas.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park near Gilbertsville has shoreline and riprap near the marina where posted open, and the riprap below and around the dam area draws plenty of bank anglers where public access is posted. Farther south, Kenlake State Resort Park near Aurora has shoreline around the marina and day-use areas.

KAYAK

Calm days make the bays on the Kentucky side very paddle-friendly this week. Launch at Kenlake State Resort Park or a public ramp in a protected bay and work grass edges, wood, and pockets at first light with a frog or a buzzbait. When the sun climbs, fish a wacky-rigged worm along deeper edges.

BOAT

Launch at Kentucky Dam Marina, Kenlake Marina, or Moors Resort & Marina. Once the sun is up, move to main-lake ledges and brush with a big worm, a football jig, or a deep crankbait, and watch the graph for shad and schooling fish. Give barge traffic a wide berth in the main channel.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait and buzzbait (white / bone) at first light; hollow-body frog on grass and pads in Big Sandy pockets.

MID

Squarebill and medium diving crank (shad / citrus) on current-swept points; swimbait on ledge drops; spinnerbait on riprap.

BOTTOM

10-inch worm and football jig (green pumpkin) on ledges; Carolina rig on channel bends; minnows or 2-inch tube jigs for crappie on brush. Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed. Main lake under strong current usually runs lightly stained — shad and citrus; darker craw in grassy pockets.