Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Barkley area

Lake Barkley

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

9/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ 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 **38–44°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	38°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	ESE 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	6:34 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 → ESE → 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

Shad are the main fall forage on Barkley, so match shad first. Crayfish matter along riprap and rock, and bluegill hold in the grass and wood.

ALSO BITING

Barkley is one of the best crappie lakes in the region, and fall fish move up onto stake beds and brush in 10 to 15 feet. Minnows and small jigs work well; check the current Kentucky rules.

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
Barkley Dam	Mon 11/16: 12 AM - 4 AM CT 25 MW, 4 AM - 9 AM CT 60 MW, 9 AM - 2 PM CT 25 MW, 2 PM - 3 PM CT 60 MW, 3 PM - 8 PM CT 95 MW, 8 PM - 9 PM CT 60 MW, +1 more blocks · Tue 11/17: 12 AM - 5 AM CT 25 MW, 5 AM - 10 AM CT 60 MW, 10 AM - midnight CT 25 MW · Wed 11/18: 775 MWh scheduled (daily total) — USACE Nashville District hydropower schedule	USACE Nashville District
Confirm	Kentucky Fish and Wildlife fishing page	fw.ky.gov
Clarity	Stain match: Barkley's bays run lightly stained.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Lake Barkley State Resort Park near Cadiz has shoreline, riprap, and fishing areas around the lodge and marina where posted open. In Kuttawa, the waterfront and the Kuttawa Harbor area give you riprap and dock edges within an easy walk.

KAYAK

Nearly calm days make the backs of Barkley's bays perfect for a kayak. Launch at Hurricane Creek Recreation Area near Cadiz or a state park ramp and work the grass edges and wood in the nearest bay at first light with a frog or a buzzbait. When the sun climbs, fish a wacky-rigged worm along the deeper grass and stump edges.

BOAT

Launch at Lake Barkley State Resort Park, Prizer Point Marina, Eddy Creek Marina, Kuttawa Harbor, or Green Turtle Bay. Once the sun is high, move to main-lake and secondary ledges, stump rows, and brush piles with a big worm, a football jig, or a crankbait.

LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait or frog over grass and wood at first light. Walking bait on points where shad flick at dawn. Popper along shady wood in the last hour.

MID

Squarebill (shad or craw) through stumps and riprap. Spinnerbait (white) on the breezy Deep crankbait on main-lake ledges midday.

BOTTOM

Big Texas-rigged worm on ledges and stump rows. Football jig on brush and rock. Wacky-rigged stick worm along deeper grass edges.