FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Nolin River Lake area

Nolin 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	+ 2–3 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **58–65°F**, lows **33–38°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

58° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Sunny
WIND	NE 3 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.

TUESDAY NOV 17

62° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:25 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	38°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SE 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:26 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 (6:24 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 ~58°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 Nolin, so match shad first. Crayfish matter on the rocky banks and bluffs.

ALSO BITING

Nolin is known for white bass, and fall schools chase shad on flats and points early and late. Watch for surface breaks and throw a small spoon or swimbait.

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
Nolin Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE LRL for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 503.66 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 1,523 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE LRL
Confirm	Kentucky Fish and Wildlife fishing page	fw.ky.gov
Permit / regs	Nolin Lake State Park near Mammoth Cave has rocky shoreline and points near the day-use areas and boat ramp where posted open.	
Clarity	Wax and the upper river: stained water, wood, and creek mouths where fall fish gather first.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Nolin Lake State Park near Mammoth Cave has rocky shoreline and points near the day-use areas and boat ramp where posted open. The Corps areas at Dog Creek and Moutardier add steep, rocky banks within an easy walk of parking.

KAYAK

Light winds make the coves easy to fish from a kayak. Launch at Dog Creek or the state park ramp and paddle the nearest cove: bluff ends, laydowns, and the first channel bend. A weightless stick bait or a small swimbait along the steep bank covers water, and a drop-shot handles fish you see on the graph.

BOAT

Launch at Wax Marina, Moutardier Marina, Nolin Lake State Park, or the Corps ramp at Dog Creek. When the sun is up, slide down those same points and fish brush and ledges with a shaky head, a drop-shot, or a football jig. Watch your graph for shad on channel swings; schooling fish can pop up near bait in the middle and lower lake.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (bone or clear) on bluff ends at dawn. Buzzbait along wood in the upper lake. Popper in shady pockets in the last hour.

MID

Suspending jerkbait along clear bluff walls. Small swimbait counted down to suspended fish. Spinnerbait on the breezy.

BOTTOM

Shaky head or Ned rig (green pumpkin) on rock. Drop-shot for fish on ledges and brush. Football jig on the first break off points.