FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Bistineau area

# Lake Bistineau

Louisiana

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

**7** /10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ~ 12°F swing | + No lightning | + 5–10 mph usable ripple | + Clear / sunny (~5%) | ~ Fall transition · turnover | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **66–74°F**, lows **39–51°F**, rain chance up to **~5%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

## THREE-DAY WEATHER

### MONDAY NOV 16

**66°** F high

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| LOW | 39°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | NE 5–10 mph |
| RAIN | ~5% |
| SUN | 6:43 AM / 5:12 PM |

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

### TUESDAY NOV 17

**69°** F high

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| LOW | 45°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | NE 5 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:44 AM / 5:12 PM |

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

### WEDNESDAY NOV 18

**74°** F high

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| LOW | 51°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | E 5 mph |
| RAIN | ~2% |
| SUN | 6:45 AM / 5:11 PM |

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

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

## HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

### MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:43 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 ~65°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

### 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.

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

## DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by the operator 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Lake Bistineau near Ringgold, LA | No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18<br>Observed: pool 133.30 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT) | the operator |
| Confirm | Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries | wlf.louisiana.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

Public shoreline on Lake Bistineau is mainly at the launch and any posted bank or pier next to it. Arrive early, park clear of the trailer lane, and cast a buzzbait or a squarebill along the nearest wood and riprap at first light.

### KAYAK

Launch at the public ramp on Lake Bistineau and work the closest pockets, points, and wood with a frog, a buzzbait, or a wacky worm on the first pass. Stay inside protected water if a breeze comes up, keep the ramp in sight until you know the lake, and move only as far as you can paddle back easily.

### BOAT

Launch at the public trailer ramp on Lake Bistineau and clear the dock for the next boat. Once the sun is up, slide to deeper edges, brush, and shade with a Texas-rigged worm, a jig, or a Carolina rig. Idle onto unmarked flats until the graph shows depth, and slow down once you catch one — fall wood often holds a small group.

## 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.