Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Grand Bayou Reservoir area

Grand Bayou Reservoir

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 5–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~2%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **67–74°F**, lows **39–49°F**, rain chance up to **~2%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

67° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	6:34 AM / 5:03 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

70° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ENE 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:35 AM / 5:02 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

LOW	49°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 5 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:36 AM / 5:02 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 → ENE → E · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:34 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

Shad lead the menu, with bream and crawfish along the wood and stumps. Low water concentrates the bait, so watch the graph for shad schools along the channel.

ALSO BITING

Crappie are sliding toward brush piles, bridge pilings, and standing timber in 10 to 20 feet as the water cools.

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 — CONFIRM BEFORE YOU LAUNCH

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No shared generation/level feed this cycle — check the agency page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Confirm	Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries	wlf.louisiana.gov
Permit / regs	Current regulations are on the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries site.	
Clarity	In stained creek arms and around wood, switch to chartreuse and white, black and blue, or junebug.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Grand Bayou Resort at 5286 Hwy 784 has a large fishing pier and shoreline near the marina where posted open. The resort charges a park entrance fee. With the lake down, the end of the pier and the riprap near the bridge reach the deepest water you can fish from shore.

KAYAK

Paddle from the resort launch and stay close. With the lake drawn down, a kayak can reach stump fields and pockets that bass boats cannot, but the water is very shallow in many places. Work the edge of the old creek channel and the deeper timber near the bridge with a squarebill at dawn, then a shaky head or a wacky worm.

BOAT

Launch at Grand Bayou Resort on the southwest side of the Hwy 784 bridge, the launch the state says is still usable, and idle out carefully. With the lake drawn down, bass collect along the old creek channel and the deepest timber.

LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait or walking bait along grass and wood at first light. Hollow-body frog over mats and pads. Popper in the backs of pockets when shad are flicking.

MID

Squarebill crankbait (shad) off stumps and laydowns. Spinnerbait (white and chartreuse) on windblown banks. Lipless crankbait over grass flats when the wind blows.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged worm (junebug or watermelon) in shade. Jig or creature bait flipped to wood and docks. Shaky-head or Carolina rig on deeper points midday.