Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Claiborne area

Lake Claiborne

Louisiana
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	+ 5–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~6%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **67–74°F**, lows **36–46°F**, rain chance up to **~6%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

67° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 5 mph
RAIN	~6%
SUN	6:42 AM / 5:10 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

LOW	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:43 AM / 5:09 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

74° F high

LOW	46°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 0–5 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	6:44 AM / 5:09 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 (6:42 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 ~64°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Threadfin shad lead the menu, with bream around the grass and crawfish on rocky and woody bottoms. Match shad early with white, chrome, and translucent baits, and use green pumpkin and watermelon on bottom baits.

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 — 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 Claiborne near Aycock, LA	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 183.67 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT)	the operator
Confirm	Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries	wlf.louisiana.gov
Permit / regs	Lake Claiborne State Park near Homer has shoreline along its coves and day-use areas where posted open, and it is the best walk-in spot on the lake.	
Clarity	Not measured Clear water spreads bass out and makes them wary Long casts, lighter line, and natural colors.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Lake Claiborne State Park near Homer has shoreline along its coves and day-use areas where posted open, and it is the best walk-in spot on the lake. The park charges a daily entry fee and keeps set hours, so check before you go. At first light, throw a small topwater or a weightless soft jerkbait along the points.

KAYAK

Calm water makes Claiborne's coves easy to paddle this week. Launch at Lake Claiborne State Park and work the closest coves at dawn with a buzzbait or a popper along the grass and wood. Midday, fish deeper edges with a drop-shot or a shaky head.

BOAT

Launch at Lake Claiborne State Park, Pleasure Point Marina, or Kel's Kove RV Park & Marina. Once the sun is up, move to main-lake drop-offs and brush, and fish a football jig, a big worm, or a drop-shot for suspended fish you see on the graph. Expect company on the best spots, since tournament anglers will be practicing all week.

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.