Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Lake D'Arbonne area

# Lake D'Arbonne

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 | + 5–5 mph usable ripple | + Clear / sunny (~13%) | ~ 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 **~13%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

## THREE-DAY WEATHER

### MONDAY NOV 16

**67°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 39°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | NE 5 mph |
| RAIN | ~13% |
| SUN | 6:40 AM / 5:08 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

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|---|---|
| LOW | 43°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | NE 5 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:41 AM / 5:07 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 | 49°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | E 0–5 mph |
| RAIN | ~2% |
| SUN | 6:42 AM / 5:07 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 (6:40 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

**Shad lead the menu in fall, with bream and crawfish around the wood and stumps. Match the shad with white and chrome early, and use junebug, black and blue, or green pumpkin when you flip the cypress.**

### ALSO BITING

**D'Arbonne is one of Louisiana's best-known crappie lakes.**

### 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 | Not measured Stained, wood-filled water warms and cools faster than the main lake Start the day in the creek arms, then slide toward the channel by midmorning. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

Lake D'Arbonne State Park near Farmerville has fishing piers and shoreline along the lake where posted open, and it is the best walk-in spot on D'Arbonne. The park charges a daily entry fee, so check hours before you go. At first light, cast a small spinnerbait or a squarebill along the wood near the piers.

### KAYAK

Light wind and calm water make D'Arbonne's creek arms easy to paddle this week. Launch at Lake D'Arbonne State Park and work the closest cypress pockets and stump flats at dawn with a frog or a buzzbait. When the sun is high, tuck into the shade of the cypress and flip a soft plastic to the bases of trees.

### BOAT

Launch at Lake D'Arbonne State Park, Rhett's Tails & Shells, or Lester's on the Lake. Once the sun is up, move to the cypress and channel bends and flip a jig or creature bait, or drag a Carolina rig on the deeper edges. Watch for schooling shad near the main-lake points in the afternoon.

## 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.