Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Toledo Bend area

Toledo Bend

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
~ 11°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 5–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~7%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **62–72°F**, lows **45–56°F**, rain chance up to **~7%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

62° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~7%
SUN	6:42 AM / 5:15 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

66° F high

LOW	50°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:43 AM / 5:15 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

72° F high

LOW	56°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	E 5 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:44 AM / 5:14 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.

Basis: estimated water ~68°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Watch for shad flicking and birds working at first light. Launch at North Toledo Bend State Park or Cypress Bend Park and work protected coves and creek mouths with a frog or a buzzbait at first light.

ALSO BITING

Striped bass: TPWD says to watch for schooling stripers on main-lake points, humps, and flats next to river channels in summer and fall, and to throw topwaters, rattle baits, and spoons. Stripers are kept up by annual stocking.

PRESSURE

Weekday traffic — lighter than the weekend. Fish early, give ramps and swim areas room.

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by Sabine River Authority (LA/TX) 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
Toledo Bend Dam	No generation schedule posted by Sabine River Authority (LA/TX) for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Generating now: Generator 1: No Run, Generator 2: No Run; spillway gates closed (SRA status) (fetched 2026-11-16T04:24:12-06:00 (SRA posts no time)) Observed: pool 167.67 ft (Mon 11/16); observed flow at USGS 08025360 (Sabine Rv At Toledo Bd Res Nr Burkeville, Tx) 53 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	Sabine River Authority (LA/TX)
Confirm	Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries	wlf.louisiana.gov
Permit / regs	If you fish across the state line, check which license the water you are fishing requires.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

North Toledo Bend State Park near Zwolle has shoreline and a fishing pier near its coves where posted open, and it is one of the best walk-in spots on the Louisiana side. Farther south, Cypress Bend Park near Many has shoreline around its day-use areas. Both charge an entry fee and keep set hours, so check before you go.

KAYAK

Calm mornings make the Louisiana coves very paddle-friendly this week. Launch at North Toledo Bend State Park or Cypress Bend Park and work protected coves and creek mouths with a frog or a buzzbait at first light. When the sun climbs, slow down with a wacky-rigged worm along the grass edges.

BOAT

Launch at Cypress Bend Park near Many or North Toledo Bend State Park near Zwolle. Once the sun is up, move to main-lake points, grass lines, and timber along the creek channels, and fish a Carolina rig, a big worm, or a football jig. Run only marked lanes; flooded timber sits just under the surface across much of the lake.

LURE BOX

TOP

Poppers, prop baits, stickbaits, buzzbaits, and flukes, the low-light choices TPWD lists for this lake. A walking bait in bone or chrome is the best all-around pick for surface-feeding schools.

MID

Spinnerbaits and crankbaits for active fall bass on grass and points. A lipless rattle bait or a slab spoon for schooling stripers over humps and flats near the river channel.

BOTTOM

Plastic worms and jigs, TPWD's preferred baits once the sun is up. Texas-rig a worm or creature bait along grass edges, and drag a football jig or Carolina rig across ledges and channel swings.