Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Belgrade Lakes area

Belgrade Lakes

Maine

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Smallmouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

9/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 5–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **47–55°F**, lows **30–38°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

47° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 5 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:36 AM / 4:11 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

51° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SW 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:38 AM / 4:10 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

55° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:39 AM / 4:09 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: NW → SW → W · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:36 AM EST) → ~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 **Smallmouth plan: Go subsurface and a notch slower: edges of drop-offs, rocky points and bluff ends between the fall flats and the 20-40 ft winter depth; jerkbait with pauses, small jig or hula grub on the bottom, blade bait ripped off the bottom on points.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Smallmouth are in the late fall transition — water in the low-to-mid 50s, so they are staging on drop-off edges, points and bends between their summer spots and the deep wintering holes.

Basis: estimated water ~50°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Yellow perch and crayfish are the main fall forage for Belgrade smallmouth, so perch-colored jerkbaits and swimbaits, and brown or green pumpkin tubes, are the right match.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth bass. Largemouth hold on weed edges, docks, and coves.

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	Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	maine.gov
Clarity	Color match: Use perch, crayfish brown, and green pumpkin in clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shore access around the Belgrade Lakes is limited, since most of the shoreline is private camps. The public boat launch area in Belgrade Lakes village on Route 27, between Great Pond and Long Pond, is the most practical place to fish from shore where posted.

KAYAK

Paddle when the wind lies down. Launch in Belgrade Lakes village and work the protected coves and rocky shoreline of Long Pond or the west side of Great Pond. A tube, a Ned rig, or a small swimbait along rock and drop-offs will find smallmouth.

BOAT

Launch at the public ramp in Belgrade Lakes village or at Great Pond Marina. Fish protected rock and docks on the west side of Great Pond. Run the main-lake islands, rock bars, and long points with a jerkbait or a swimbait in the late morning, then slow down with a tube or a drop-shot on deeper rock in the afternoon.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait over rocky points on the calm Small popper along shoreline rock late in the day. Wake bait across shallow shoals when the wind lies down.

MID

Suspending jerkbait (perch or ghost shiner) on points. Small swimbait counted down along drop-offs. Lipless crankbait on windblown rock when it is safe.

BOTTOM

Tube (green pumpkin or brown) dragged on rock. Drop-shot with a small minnow or worm for fish on the graph. Ned rig or football jig near deep boulders.