Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for East Grand Lake area

East Grand Lake

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	+ 7–8 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **43–52°F**, lows **25–35°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

43° F high

LOW	25°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	NW 1–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:32 AM / 3:58 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

48° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 2–8 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:33 AM / 3:57 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

52° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	W 2–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:35 AM / 3:56 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 (6:32 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 ~47°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 1 nearby

NATURAL FORAGE

Yellow perch, smelt, and crayfish are the main fall forage on East Grand, so perch and smelt colors on jerkbaits and swimbaits, and brown tubes, match best.

ALSO BITING

Landlocked salmon · lake trout. Salmon and togue move toward shore as the water cools.

PRESSURE

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

USGS lake gauge; no water-temperature 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 on East Grand is limited. The Greenland Cove boat launch area in Danforth is the most practical spot to fish from the bank where posted. Cast a tube or a small jerkbait along rock within reach, and fish late morning into the afternoon after cold nights.

KAYAK

Paddle when the wind lies down, and stay near the Maine shore. Launch at Greenland Cove and work the protected coves and rocky shoreline nearby with a tube, a Ned rig, or a small swimbait. Stay off the open lake.

BOAT

Launch at Greenland Cove in Danforth. Fish protected Maine-side coves and rock while showers and fog pass. Run rocky points, islands, and drop-offs with a jerkbait or a swimbait in the late morning, then slow down with a tube or a drop-shot 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.