FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Great Moose Lake area

Great Moose Lake

Maine

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 9–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	− Winter	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **39–48°F**, lows **27–37°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

39° F high

LOW	27°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	NW 5–9 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:39 AM / 4:07 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

46° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 2–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:40 AM / 4:06 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

48° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	W 5–9 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:41 AM / 4:05 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:39 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

WINTER **Largemouth plan: Fish 15-30 ft bluff ends and channel swings; slow-roll a jig, blade bait or suspending jerkbait with long pauses.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the winter pattern — slow metabolism, holding deep and tight to structure.

Basis: estimated water ~46°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

Yellow perch, golden shiners, and crayfish are the main fall forage, so perch and shiner colors on jerkbaits and swimbaits, and brown or green pumpkin tubes, are the right match.

ALSO BITING

Chain pickerel. Pickerel lurk on weed edges and hit spinnerbaits, swimbaits, and jerkbaits.

PRESSURE

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

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 Great Moose is limited. The public boat launch in Hartland is the most practical place to fish from the bank where posted. Cast a tube, a spinnerbait, or a small jerkbait along rock and weed edges within reach, and fish later in the morning after cold nights.

KAYAK

Paddle when the wind lies down. Launch at the Hartland boat launch and work the nearest coves, weed edges, and rocky points with a tube, a swim jig, or a small swimbait. Stay off open water.

BOAT

Launch at the public boat launch in Hartland. Fish protected docks and rock while showers pass. Run points, rock, and weed edges with a jerkbait, a spinnerbait, or a swimbait in the late morning, then slow down with a tube or a Texas-rigged worm 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.