FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Rangeley Lake area

Rangeley Lake

Maine

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10 — Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 12°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **38–48°F**, lows **25–37°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

38° F high

LOW	25°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	NW 10 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:41 AM / 4:13 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 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:42 AM / 4:12 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	34°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	W 10–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:43 AM / 4:11 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:41 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 **Trout plan: Target inflows and shoreline drop-offs as water cools; spoons, spinners and streamers, moderate.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Trout are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

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

Smelt are the main forage for Rangeley's salmon, so silver spoons, smelt streamers, and slim minnow plugs match best. Brook trout also eat insects and small fish along the shoreline.

ALSO BITING

Rangeley also holds some lake trout (togue), which move shallower in the fall. A tube jig or a spoon along deep drop-offs can find them; release them under the fall rules.

PRESSURE

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

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. Generation schedule and flows below are copied from the operator as posted at the Cast pull — schedules change; re-check the operator page the morning you fish. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Rangeley Lake Dam	Mon 11/16: 12 AM - midnight ET 20 cfs · Tue 11/17: 12 AM - midnight ET 20 cfs · Wed 11/18: 12 AM - midnight ET 20 cfs — Brookfield Renewable Safe Waters Observed: pool 1,516.11 ft (Mon 11/16); flow (Brookfield, observed) 20 cfs (Mon 11/16)	Brookfield Renewable
Confirm	Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	maine.gov

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Lakeside Park in Rangeley village has public shoreline near the town boat launch, and Rangeley Lake State Park on the south shore has rocky banks near its launch where open. Check park hours, since fall schedules change.

KAYAK

Paddle, and stay near shore. Launch at the town boat launch in Rangeley village and work the north-shore coves near the village, where you can get off the water quickly if the wind picks up again.

BOAT

Launch at the town boat launch in Rangeley village or at Rangeley Lake State Park, and plan around. Troll smelt-pattern streamers, small spoons, or slim minnow plugs on a long line along shoreline drops and over the shoals; fall salmon and brook trout come shallow as the surface cools.

LURE BOX

TOP

Smelt-pattern streamer trolled near the surface. Slim minnow plug along shoreline drops. Small surface plug on calm water at dawn.

MID

Jerkbait cast from shore along rocky points. Inline spinner near inlets where legal.

BOTTOM

Tube jig along deep drop-offs for togue. Jigging spoon over fish marked near bottom. Small jig for perch along rock and weeds.