FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Blairs Valley Lake area

# Blairs Valley Lake

Maryland

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

**9**/10 — Strong odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| + Mostly stable | + No lightning | + 2–8 mph usable ripple | + Clear / sunny (~1%) | + Fall transition | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **55–63°F**, lows **34–36°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

**55°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 36°F |
| SKY | Mostly Sunny |
| WIND | NW 5–8 mph |
| RAIN | ~1% |
| SUN | 6:57 AM / 4:55 PM |

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

### TUESDAY NOV 17

**59°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 34°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | NW 3 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:58 AM / 4:54 PM |

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

### WEDNESDAY NOV 18

**63°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 36°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | W 2 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:59 AM / 4:54 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 (6:57 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 **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 ~55°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 1 nearby USGS lake gauge; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

### NATURAL FORAGE

**Afternoon, slide toward any sun-warmed pocket near the access and pitch a soft creature into shade under overhanging brush. The near-calm sun is the day to ease around the shoreline slowly, stopping at every timber cluster and legal dock shadow.**

### ALSO BITING

**Yellow perch & panfish. Cool nights pull perch and bluegill tighter to brush and the first drop.**

### PRESSURE

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

## WATER BOARD — LAKE CHEAT SHEET

FIXED Natural / small-impoundment water — no generation table. Check access rules and level notes with the managing agency before you go.

| ITEM | NOTE | SOURCE |
|---|---|---|
| Clarity | Natural greens and browns match highland and stained shore water; flash gets the nod on the windblown bank when baitfish are pushed shallow. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

Start at the Blairs Valley Lake public shore and ramp access as posted by the county and walk the nearest riprap, grass, or wood edge you can reach without crossing private docks.

### KAYAK

Launch from the public access at Blairs Valley Lake and hug the protected shoreline as soon as you clear the ramp throat or carry-. The gusts make the open middle a poor first choice for a light kayak — work the lee of points and backed-in pockets until mid-morning.

### BOAT

Trailering boats use the same public access: Blairs Valley Lake public shore and ramp access as posted by the county. Confirm local length and motor rules on the posting at the ramp before you drop. Idle along the windward bank and keep casts short to wood and rock; save long runs across open water or when the breeze dies.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

Trailers matched to local forage Walking bone or chrome topwater — calm /surface Ned / small shaky head — cold dawn when fish will not chase Also in the box.

### MID

No mid-depth slot on file for this water.

### BOTTOM

Green-pumpkin stick worm. One on a bottom contact bait so you can switch without re-tying when the frost bite turns. Natural greens and browns match highland and stained shore water.