FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Deep Creek Lake area

Deep Creek Lake

Maryland

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 15°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 2–7 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~3%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **45–60°F**, lows **30–36°F**, rain chance up to **~3%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

45° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	NW 7 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	7:02 AM / 5:01 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

54° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:03 AM / 5:00 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

60° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:04 AM / 5:00 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 (7:02 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: water 48°F — USGS lake gauge 03075871 (Deep Creek Lake Near Thayerville, Md, 2 km), 24-h

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: No local forage report was available for this Cast window.

ALSO BITING

Walleye · largemouth. Walleye: fall is a good time for them on Deep Creek, and the last hour of light is the best time.

PRESSURE

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

mean to Mon 5:00 AM; air record trending falling

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
Deep Creek Dam	Mon 11/16: 12 AM - 5 AM ET 0 cfs, 5 AM - 9 AM ET 600 cfs, 9 AM - 5 PM ET 0 cfs, 5 PM - 9 PM ET 600 cfs, 9 PM - midnight ET 0 cfs · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — Brookfield Renewable Safe Waters	Brookfield Renewable
Permit / regs	Before you launch: The Deep Creek Lake State Park ramp, reached from Route 219 by Glendale Road and State Park Road, is listed as open 24 hours, weather permitting; call the park at 301-387-5563 with questions.	
Clarity	Clear, cold water: Low inflow and cold nights mean clear water, so stick with natural colors and light fluorocarbon.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Deep Creek Lake State Park is the best place to fish from shore. The park has a fishing pier next to the boat launch and public shoreline within the park. Find a spot the wind is blowing into and throw a small swimbait or a jerkbait along the rock.

KAYAK

The state park launch is the easiest place to put in a kayak, and the nearby coves make a protected first stop. The calm air is ideal for slowly fishing a drop shot along the rocky banks near the park. Wear your PFD at all times; a fall into water this cold is dangerous.

BOAT

Deep Creek allows gas motors, and the weekday traffic should be light now that summer is over. Run to the main-lake points near the Glendale Bridge and the Route 219 bridges, and fish a jerkbait or swimbait on the windy side.

LURE BOX

TOP

Topwater is nearly done for the year up here. A small walking bait might still work afternoon in a calm cove, but put your time into other baits.

MID

A suspending jerkbait is the best bait of the week, especially in the wind. A small paddle-tail swimbait or a crankbait in craw colors along the rocky points is a good second choice.

BOTTOM

Tubes, drop shots, Ned rigs, and small jigs in green pumpkin or brown are the plan. Fish them slowly on rock, the outside edges of the grass, and the deeper ends of points. Clear, cold water: Low inflow and cold nights mean clear water, so stick with natural colors and light fluorocarbon.