Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Frostburg Reservoir area

Frostburg Reservoir

Maryland
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Crappie

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 (~2%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–66°F**, lows **31–37°F**, rain chance up to **~2%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

51° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	NW 7 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	7:01 AM / 5:00 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

60° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:02 AM / 4:59 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

66° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:03 AM / 4:59 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:01 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 **Crappie plan: Fish 8-20 ft brush in creek arms as bait moves in; jig or minnow, moderate pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

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

Basis: estimated water ~53°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

Upper-30s nights will cool the shallow water quickly, the summer weeds in the upper end will start to die back, and yellow perch and crappie will group up on deeper structure such as the standing timber and the sunken pine trees. What's on the menu: No local f

ALSO BITING

Largemouth · tiger muskie. Largemouth: Piney is known for quality largemouth, and the standing timber in the lower half is the place to try on the warm afternoon with a weedless soft plastic or small jig.

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
Permit / regs	Before you go: Boating of any kind is not permitted on Piney Reservoir.	
Clarity	Clear, cold water: With the area this dry, expect clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

This is a shore-only lake, and the whole shoreline is open to the public. The paved access road off Piney Run Road runs along the lake, so you can fish close to your car, and a handicapped-accessible fishing platform gives a solid, level spot. Look for the sunken pines and standing timber in the lower half.

KAYAK

Kayaks and canoes are not allowed on Piney Reservoir, so leave the paddle craft home or plan a separate stop. Savage River Reservoir to the southwest allows paddle craft and electric motors, though the wind will rough it up too.

BOAT

No boats of any kind are allowed on Piney Reservoir. If you want a boat day this week, Deep Creek Lake, less than an hour's drive to the southwest, has a public ramp at Deep Creek Lake State Park and allows gas motors, and Savage River Reservoir allows electric motors.

LURE BOX

TOP

Topwater is mostly done up here, but a small popper along the timber edges may draw a bass on the warm evening. Do not bother or mornings.

MID

Small curly-tail grubs, tiny paddle tails, and small inline spinners are good for finding schools of perch and crappie. Count them down to different depths until you find the fish.

BOTTOM

Small jigs tipped with a piece of minnow-style plastic, fished under a slip float or near the bottom, are the best bet. Chartreuse, white, and natural yellow perch colors all work. Clear, cold water: With the area this dry, expect clear water.