FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Little Seneca Lake area

Little Seneca Lake

Maryland

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

9/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 3–8 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **57–64°F**, lows **33–35°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

57° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 3–8 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:53 AM / 4:54 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

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 1–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:54 AM / 4:53 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

64° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:55 AM / 4:52 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 (6:53 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 ~56°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

Mid-40s nights will cool the shallows quickly, and that tends to move baitfish out of the main lake and into the creek arms. What's on the menu: No local forage report was available for this Cast window.

ALSO BITING

Tiger muskie · crappie. Tiger muskie: Montgomery Parks lists them among the lake's common fish, and fall is a classic time to target them.

PRESSURE

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

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 — check the operator page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Little Seneca Dam	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: observed flow at USGS 01644375 (Little Seneca Creek Tributary Near Germantown, Md) 0 cfs (Mon 3:55 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	Before you launch: Private boats need a daily or seasonal Montgomery Parks boating permit, bought online through Active Montgomery.	
Clarity	The feeder and outlet stream gages are low; Seneca Creek bumped up briefly with the weekend's showers and has already settled back, so expect clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shoreline fishing is allowed year-round in Black Hill Regional Park, with the main access off Lake Ridge Drive in Boyds. Trails along the shore reach many points and coves. Find a point with the wind blowing into it and throw a white spinnerbait or a lipless crankbait along the bank.

KAYAK

Kayaks need the same Montgomery Parks daily or seasonal permit as other private boats and launch from the park's boat ramp area. The Black Hill Water Trail map is a good guide to the coves. The calm air is perfect for drifting along wood in the upper arms with a weightless fluke.

BOAT

Little Seneca is electric-only, about 505 acres, with long arms. Motor upwind early, then work back along the wind-blown points with moving baits. Idle the main-lake points and the deeper water toward the dam with your electronics and fish a jig or drop shot on anything holding bait.

LURE BOX

TOP

A walking bait or popper can still get bites, but this week the window is in the afternoon. Try it in the last hour of light in a calm creek arm. Skip it morning.

MID

Spinnerbaits, squarebills, and lipless crankbaits in shad colors are the main tools along the wind-blown banks. A paddle-tail swimbait is a good follow-up when fish swirl but miss.

BOTTOM

A green-pumpkin jig with a craw trailer, a Texas-rigged creature bait, or a shaky-head worm is the plan. Fish slowly on wood, rock, and the first drop-off. Clear water, natural colors: Use green pumpkin, watermelon, and translucent shad colors, and save darker colors for shaded wood in the backs of the arms or for low light.