Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Loch Raven Reservoir area

Loch Raven Reservoir

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	+ 3–9 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **58–66°F**, lows **34–35°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

58° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 5–9 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:51 AM / 4:50 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

61° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:52 AM / 4:49 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	35°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 0–3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:53 AM / 4:49 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 (6:51 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 ~57°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

Overnight lows in the mid-40s will cool the shallows quickly, and that kind of drop is what 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

Smallmouth · crappie. Smallmouth: Loch Raven also has smallmouth, which like the rocky main-lake points and riprap.

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 launch: Confirm Baltimore City reservoir boating rules, the current Fishing Center hours, and your boat permit before you trailer.	
Clarity	Flows are lower than they were a week ago and well inside the normal autumn range, which points to clear water on the main pool.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The shoreline around the Loch Raven Fishing Center off Loch Raven Drive and the fire-road trails that follow the reservoir are the classic walk-in spots.

KAYAK

Kayaks fall under the same City permit rules as other boats, and the Fishing Center is the main place to put , so confirm the current rules before you load up. The light air is the perfect kayak day for slipping quietly along timber in the upper arms with a weightless soft plastic.

BOAT

Loch Raven is an electric-only lake, so plan your battery around the week's wind. Motor upwind early while you are fresh and then drift or troll back along the wind-blown points with moving baits. Check the rocky banks near the Dulaney Valley Road bridge and the secondary points leading into the upper arms.

LURE BOX

TOP

A walking bait or a popper still gets bites at Loch Raven, but this week the topwater window shifts to the afternoon. Try it evening when the south breeze is light and the shallows are at their warmest. Skip it morning after the cold night.

MID

Spinnerbaits, squarebills, and lipless crankbaits in shad colors are the main tools on the wind-blown banks. A swimbait on a light jighead is a good follow-up when fish swirl but miss the faster baits.

BOTTOM

A green-pumpkin jig with a craw trailer, a Texas-rigged creature bait, or a shaky-head worm is the plan. Fish slowly around wood, bridge pilings, and the deeper edges of points, and lighten your line if the water is especially clear.