FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Piney Run Reservoir area

Piney Run 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 **56–63°F**, lows **33–36°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

56° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 3–9 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:52 AM / 4:52 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 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:53 AM / 4:51 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

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:54 AM / 4:50 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 (6:52 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

As the grass begins to die back, baitfish and bluegill move to the edges and points, and largemouth follow. What's on the menu: No local forage report was available for this Cast window.

ALSO BITING

Tiger muskie · crappie. Tiger muskie: these fish were first stocked in 1996, and the legal size is 36 inches.

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: Piney Run Park is open 7 AM to sunset, and private boats launch from the two ramps near the main entrance on Martz Road after paying the launch fee at the gatehouse.	
Clarity	Clear water: Maryland DNR describes Piney Run as clear, and low inflow should keep it that way.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Piney Run Park is built for shore anglers. The floating piers and fishing platforms near the main entrance have artificial structure placed nearby, and the shoreline trails reach many coves. Pick a point with the wind blowing into it and throw a spinnerbait or a lipless crankbait along the grass edge.

KAYAK

Kayaks launch from the two ramps at the main entrance, and the launch fee applies to them too. Inflatable kayaks need at least three separate air chambers. The calm air is perfect for sliding along the grass edges and casting a weightless soft plastic into the open holes.

BOAT

Piney Run is electric-only, and a gas motor may stay on the boat only if it is off and tilted up. Motor upwind first, then drift or troll back along the wind-blown points and weed edges with a spinnerbait or swim jig.

LURE BOX

TOP

A frog or a buzzbait over the thinning grass is a strong choice for the warm afternoon and evening. Skip topwater morning after the cold night.

MID

A swim jig, a spinnerbait, or a lipless crankbait ripped out of the grass are the best baits. Bluegill and shad colors match what the bass are eating.

BOTTOM

A Texas-rigged worm or creature bait punched into the thickest grass, or a jig around the pier structure, is the plan. Use green pumpkin or black and blue. Clear water: Maryland DNR describes Piney Run as clear, and low inflow should keep it that way.