FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Prettyboy Reservoir area

Prettyboy Reservoir

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

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 **56–64°F**, lows **32–35°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

56° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	NW 5–9 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:52 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

59° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:53 AM / 4:50 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	NW 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:54 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 (6:52 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 **Smallmouth plan: Cover rock flats and points 5-20 ft as fish feed up; jerkbait, swimbait and blade bait at a moderate-to-fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

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

Basis: estimated water ~58°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

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

ALSO BITING

Largemouth · walleye. Largemouth: look for them in the backs of the coves and around fallen trees, especially afternoon; a weightless stick worm or a small jig works well.

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
Prettyboy Dam	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: observed flow at USGS 01581920 (Gunpowder Falls Near Parkton, Md) 26 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	Before you launch: You need a current Baltimore City watercraft permit, and the Spooks Hill Road ramp is the only legal launch.	
Clarity	A northwest breeze puts a ripple on the points and pushes bait onto the rock on the southeast-facing shore, which breaks up the clear water and makes the fish less wary.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Prettyboy has a lot of roadside walk-in access. The best-known spots are the Beckleysville Road bridge, the pull-offs along Spooks Hill Road, the shoreline near the boat ramp, and Frog Hollow Cove. Look for a rocky point with the wind blowing into it and throw a small swimbait or a jerkbait.

KAYAK

Kayaks need a City watercraft permit, must be at least 12 feet long, and launch only at the Spooks Hill Road ramp. Confirm the current City rules on fishing from a kayak when you buy the permit. The gusts make the open water near the ramp risky for small boats, so stay in the coves on the sheltered side.

BOAT

Prettyboy is electric-only and has no big open basin, just long branches, so plan your battery around the wind. Head upwind first, then work back along the wind-blown points with a jerkbait and a swimbait.

LURE BOX

TOP

A small walking bait or popper can still raise smallmouth on calm evenings, but save it for the last hour when the breeze dies. Skip topwater morning after the cold night.

MID

A suspending jerkbait in a natural shad or ghost pattern is the top pick for the wind. A small paddle-tail swimbait or a shallow crankbait in crawfish colors is a good backup on the rocky points.

BOTTOM

Drop shots, tubes, and Ned rigs on light fluorocarbon are the plan. Green pumpkin, smoke, and natural craw colors match the forage. Fish them slowly on rock and the deeper ends of the points.