Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Smithville Lake area

Smithville Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **57–64°F**, lows **31–34°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

57° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	NW 5–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:46 AM / 4:48 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

TUESDAY NOV 17

60° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:47 AM / 4:48 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	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:48 AM / 4:47 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 (6:46 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. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~59°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Afternoon, slide toward any sun-warmed pocket near the access and pitch a soft creature into shade under overhanging brush. The near-calm sun is the day to ease around the shoreline slowly, stopping at every timber cluster and legal dock shadow.

ALSO BITING

Yellow perch & panfish. Cool nights pull perch and bluegill tighter to brush and the first drop.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

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
Clarity	Natural greens and browns match highland and stained shore water; flash gets the nod on the windblown bank when baitfish are pushed shallow.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at the Smithville Lake public access as posted locally on the Eastern Shore and walk the nearest riprap, grass, or wood edge you can reach without crossing private docks.

KAYAK

Launch from the public access at Smithville Lake and hug the protected shoreline as soon as you clear the ramp throat or carry-. The gusts make the open middle a poor first choice for a light kayak — work the lee of points and backed-in pockets until mid-morning.

BOAT

Trailering boats use the same public access: Smithville Lake public access as posted locally on the Eastern Shore. Confirm local length and motor rules on the posting at the ramp before you drop. Idle along the windward bank and keep casts short to wood and rock; save long runs across open water or when the breeze dies.

LURE BOX

TOP

Trailers matched to local forage Walking bone or chrome topwater — calm /surface Ned / small shaky head — cold dawn when fish will not chase Also in the box.

MID

No mid-depth slot on file for this water.

BOTTOM

Green-pumpkin stick worm. One on a bottom contact bait so you can switch without re-tying when the frost bite turns. Natural greens and browns match highland and stained shore water.