FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Congamond Lake area

Congamond Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 11°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 6–8 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **49–60°F**, lows **28–35°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

49° F high

LOW	28°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	NW 3–8 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:41 AM / 4:29 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

55° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 2–6 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:43 AM / 4:28 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

60° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 3–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:44 AM / 4:27 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 (6:41 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: Slow down: steep points, channel drops and remaining grass just outside the creeks, between the fall flats and the 15-30 ft winter depth; suspending jerkbait with long pauses, jig-and-pig or blade bait crawled down the slope.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the late fall transition — water under the mid-50s, so bass are sliding off the shallow flats toward steeper points and channel drops near their fall feeding areas.

Basis: estimated water ~54°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: No local forage report was available for this Cast window. MassWildlife surveys list landlocked alewives, golden shiners, banded killifish, yellow and white perch, and sunfish in Congamond, and in the fall largemouth commonly feed on alewif

ALSO BITING

Yellow perch · crappie. MassWildlife notes Congamond's big yellow perch and black crappie, which bite throughout the year.

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
Permit / regs	Two Town of Southwick ramps in the middle basin, with a launch fee.	
Clarity	Water clarity varies among the basins, so use brighter colors in stained water and natural colors where it is clear.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shore access is limited, because most of the shoreline is private homes.

KAYAK

Kayaks and canoes launch at the Town of Southwick's north ramp off Point Grove Road, next to the fishing pier, or at the south ramp off Berkshire Road; the town charges a launch fee. The northwest wind is steady, so be careful. The light morning is the best paddling window.

BOAT

Boats launch at the Town of Southwick's north ramp off Point Grove Road, a double concrete ramp with parking for about 30 trailers, or at the south ramp off Berkshire Road, a single ramp with a sharp drop-off and about 18 trailer spaces; both charge a fee.

LURE BOX

TOP

A walking bait or a popper can draw big strikes when bass push alewives to the surface, most likely on the calm morning. Keep one tied .

MID

Swimbaits, jerkbaits, and lipless crankbaits imitate alewives. Spinnerbaits are the wind bait on points.

BOTTOM

A jig, a drop shot, or a Texas rig on drop-offs, gravel, and docks is the cold-morning plan. Match the alewives: Silver, white, and shad-pattern baits are the best match for Congamond's alewives. Water clarity varies among the basins, so use brighter colors in stained water and natural colors where it is clear.