FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Otis Reservoir area

Otis Reservoir

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 9–9 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **44–53°F**, lows **30–35°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

44° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	NW 9 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:43 AM / 4:30 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

49° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 6–9 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:44 AM / 4:29 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

53° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 5–9 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:45 AM / 4:28 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 (6:43 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 ~52°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Cold nights in the hilltowns cool the shallows quickly, pushing baitfish and bass from the warm summer flats toward the remaining weed and the first drop-offs. What's on the menu: No local forage report was available for this Cast window.

ALSO BITING

Smallmouth bass. Otis also holds smallmouth bass.

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
Confirm	Managing agency page for this water	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The best public shore access is at Tolland State Forest, where DCR's boat ramp is at 410 Tolland Road in East Otis. The forest is open sunrise to sunset, so plan on a daylight trip. Fish the shoreline next to the ramp, staying off the ramp itself when boats are launching; the campground beach is for registered campers only.

KAYAK

Kayaks and canoes launch at the DCR ramp at Tolland State Forest, 410 Tolland Road in East Otis. The northwest wind is lighter but cold. The light southwest wind is the best paddling window of the three.

BOAT

Boats launch at the DCR ramp at Tolland State Forest, 410 Tolland Road in East Otis. The forest is open sunrise to sunset, boats are limited to 24 feet (pontoons and sailboats excepted), and boats with bathrooms are not allowed.

LURE BOX

TOP

A walking bait or a buzzbait can still draw strikes in a calm cove afternoon. Topwater will be tough on the wind and the cold.

MID

Spinnerbaits, squarebills, and suspending jerkbaits cover the coves and points. A jerkbait with long pauses is a strong cold-water choice.

BOTTOM

A jig with a craw trailer or a Texas-rigged soft plastic along the first drop-off is the steady cold-morning plan. Tubes and Ned rigs work for smallmouth. Clearing water: With steady inflows and no rain ahead, Otis should stay clear and keep clearing.