FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Charlevoix area

Lake Charlevoix

Michigan

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~2%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–56°F**, lows **42–46°F**, rain chance up to **~2%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

50° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 10–15 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	7:40 AM / 5:10 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

53° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 10–15 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	7:41 AM / 5:09 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

56° F high

LOW	46°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 10–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:43 AM / 5:08 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:40 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: Go subsurface and a notch slower: edges of drop-offs, rocky points and bluff ends between the fall flats and the 20-40 ft winter depth; jerkbait with pauses, small jig or hula grub on the bottom, blade bait ripped off the bottom on points.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Smallmouth are in the late fall transition — water in the low-to-mid 50s, so they are staging on drop-off edges, points and bends between their summer spots and the deep wintering holes.

Basis: estimated water ~53°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 dated forage report turned up for this exact window. Gobies, perch, small baitfish, and crayfish are the usual fall foods on Lake Charlevoix rock, and diving gulls or bait marks on a point are the clue to look .

ALSO BITING

Largemouth · pike. Largemouth: weedy bays and docks near Boyne City and the South Arm with Texas rigs and swim jigs.

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	The clear water lets you sight rock and weed edges in the shallows.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Ferry Beach in Charlevoix, Tourist Park in East Jordan at the end of the South Arm, and the fishing pier at Camp Sea-Gull Park give walk-in anglers legal access to rock, weed, and drop-offs.

KAYAK

Launch from posted public access in the South Arm, such as Tourist Park in East Jordan or the Ironton area, and keep the paddle on the sheltered side of the arm. Morning is a short window before the south wind builds, is the best kayak day of the three. The clear water lets you sight rock and weed edges in the shallows.

BOAT

Launch at Young State Park or the Boyne City ramp for the main basin, Ironton for the South Arm, or Dutchman's Bay near Charlevoix. Stay in the South Arm or the lee of points and drop-shot or tube fish you mark on rock and weed edges in 12–25 feet. Morning, run points and gravel flats with a jerkbait before the south wind arrives.

LURE BOX

TOP

At dawn morning give a walking bait its best chance on calm points.

MID

Suspending jerkbaits and soft swimbaits on points, gravel flats, and weed edges. Use long pauses;, add a spinnerbait to wind-blown banks.

BOTTOM

Stain / clear match: Lake Charlevoix is clear, so smoke, green pumpkin, and natural goby or perch colors on light fluorocarbon are the starting point. Where the wind has churned a shoreline or near the Jordan River mouth, try darker craw colors.