Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Erie (MI) area

Lake Erie (MI)

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 8–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **52–57°F**, lows **33–42°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

52° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSW 1–8 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:23 AM / 5:12 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

54° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SW 5–8 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:25 AM / 5:11 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

57° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSW 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:26 AM / 5:10 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:23 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 ~55°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Spawning is long over, so this is a forage window. What's on the menu: Round gobies on rock are the everyday meal, with emerald shiners and young-of-year shad moving along the reef edges.

ALSO BITING

Still active on deeper basin edges and after dark; a secondary target behind smallmouth this window. Yellow perch.

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

Fish the public rock and breakwall at East Harbor State Park, the shoreline at Catawba Island State Park, and the public shoreline parks around Marblehead and Lakeside at first light. A 3-inch tube or Ned rig crawled parallel to riprap covers the first break where smallmouth feed early.

KAYAK

Wear a PFD, carry a whistle and light, and watch ferry wakes near Catawba.

BOAT

Launch from Catawba Island State Park, East Harbor State Park, or a public Port Clinton ramp. Work the lee sides of Kelleys Island and South Bass and the Catawba and Marblehead shoreline instead of the open NW-facing reefs.

LURE BOX

TOP

No topwater slot on file for this water — stay mid / bottom.

MID

Jerkbait or 3-inch swimbait.

BOTTOM

Tube or Ned rig. Green pumpkin or smoke crawled along rock. Drop-shot.