Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Cass Lake area

Cass Lake

Minnesota
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central Time · Walleye

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

9/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 10–10 mph usable ripple	~ Rain up to ~43%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–53°F**, lows **39–43°F**, rain chance up to **~43%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

52° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:24 AM / 4:41 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

51° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 5–10 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	7:25 AM / 4:40 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

53° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	S 10 mph
RAIN	~43%
SUN	7:26 AM / 4:39 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:24 AM CST) → ~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 **Walleye plan: Fish rock and gravel 10-25 ft at low light; jig and minnow or troll stickbaits, moderate.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Walleye are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~47°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Yellow perch and young cisco are the backbone of the Cass Lake menu in fall, and you will see both on your graph around the bars and the edges of deeper basins. Shiners school on shoreline rock as nights cool, which is why a minnow crankbait at dusk works.

ALSO BITING

Yellow perch. A fun bank and dock target with small jigs or a piece of crawler when the walleye window is closed.

PRESSURE

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

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	Check current Minnesota DNR Cass Lake regulations before you keep a fish.	
Clarity	No USGS lake-surface reading for Cass Lake in this Cast window; wind and clarity set the day.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Norway Beach and the posted Chippewa National Forest shoreline give you walk-up rock and sand on the Cass Lake chain without launching a boat. Fish a slip bobber with a leech or a lively minnow just off the bottom at sunset, when walleye cruise shallow to feed.

KAYAK

Launch at a Cass Lake (E) public trailer access or a posted forest launch and stay along the lee shoreline and inside protected pockets, where you can drift a jig over gravel in 6 to 12 feet without crossing open water. Wear your PFD, carry a light for dusk, and head in early, because Cass Lake wind often builds in the afternoon.

BOAT

Launch at the Hwy 2 / Cass Lake (E) concrete public trailer accesses for a short run to mid-lake bars and the first break. Run to the windward side of the bars and fish where the waves have stained the water: a jig and minnow, a live-bait rig with a leech, or a crankbait trolled along the break all work.

LURE BOX

TOP

Shallow-diving minnow crankbait cast over rock at dusk for walleye (perch or firetiger). Walking bait or small popper for smallmouth on calm rock flats at first light. Spinnerbait along cabbage edges if a breeze is on the bank.

MID

Jig and paddle-tail swimbait (gold, perch, or white) worked across bar edges in the wind. Spinner or bottom-bouncer harness trolled along the break. Blade bait or jigging rap on deeper rock when the sun is high.

BOTTOM

Live-bait rig with a leech or redtail on gravel and rock. Slip bobber with a leech set just off the bottom from the bank at sunset. Jig and minnow (1/8 to 3/8 oz, heavier in wind) on the first drop.