FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake of the Woods area

Lake of the Woods

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	− Up to 17 mph · open-water chop	~ Rain up to ~49%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **46–49°F**, lows **39–42°F**, rain chance up to **~49%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

49° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSW 10–17 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:31 AM / 4:37 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

46° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	S 7–10 mph
RAIN	~5%
SUN	7:32 AM / 4:36 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

47° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	SE 12 mph
RAIN	~49%
SUN	7:34 AM / 4:35 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:31 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 ~45°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

Emerald shiners and young perch are the main forage, and in fall shiners pour toward the Rainy River and walleye follow them.

ALSO BITING

Northern pike. Pike are active in the weedy bays around Zippel Bay and Muskeg Bay and along the river.

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	Lake of the Woods and the Rainy River have their own walleye and sauger limits, so check the Minnesota DNR's current rules before you keep fish, and buy an Ontario license before fishing Canadian water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Timber Mill Park in Baudette has a fishing pier on the Rainy River beside the boat ramp, and the pier at Clementson Park, about 8 miles east of Baudette on Highway 11, reaches Clementson Bay where the Rapid River enters. Both are good walk-up spots for walleye, sauger and pike.

KAYAK

Kayaks belong in protected water here, not on Big Traverse Bay. On the light wind, launch at Zippel Bay State Park and fish the harbor and bay for pike and perch, or put in at Timber Mill Park in Baudette and jig the slower current edges of the Rainy River near shore.

BOAT

Wheeler's Point at the mouth of the Rainy River has three ramps and is the natural launch this week; Zippel Bay State Park and Warroad Point cover the south shore and west end. Start in the river and Four Mile Bay, jigging a 3/8- to 1/2-ounce jig and minnow on channel breaks and current seams.

LURE BOX

TOP

Shallow minnow crankbait cast on river-mouth sand and rock at dusk (gold or perch). Walking bait for pike on Zippel Bay weed edges on a calm morning. Inline spinner or spoon for pike in shallow bays.

MID

Jig and paddle-tail swimbait (gold, chartreuse, or white) on river current breaks. Spinner rig with a minnow or crawler trolled across the Big Traverse flats.

BOTTOM

Jig and frozen or live shiner (3/8 to 1/2 oz) on the Rainy River channel breaks. Live-bait rig with a minnow on the edges of Four Mile Bay. Bottom bouncer and spinner on the flats when fish are spread out.