Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Leech area

# Leech

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

## BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

**7**/10 — Fair odds

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| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| + Stable pattern | + No lightning | − Up to 15 mph · open-water chop | ~ Rain up to ~31% | + Fall transition | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–53°F**, lows **40–44°F**, rain chance up to **~31%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

## THREE-DAY WEATHER

### MONDAY NOV 16

**52°** F high

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| LOW | 42°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | S 5–15 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 7:22 AM / 4:41 PM |

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

### TUESDAY NOV 17

**51°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 44°F |
| SKY | Partly Sunny |
| WIND | S 10–15 mph |
| RAIN | ~3% |
| SUN | 7:24 AM / 4:40 PM |

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

### WEDNESDAY NOV 18

**53°** F high

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| LOW | 40°F |
| SKY | Mostly Cloudy |
| WIND | S 10–15 mph |
| RAIN | ~31% |
| SUN | 7:25 AM / 4:39 PM |

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

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

## HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

### MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:22 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 tullibee (cisco) are the backbone of the Leech Lake menu, and shiners school along shoreline rock in fall, which is why a minnow crankbait at dusk works.**

### ALSO BITING

**Leech Lake is a famous muskie lake, and fall is prime time. Cast bucktails, rubber baits and gliders along weed edges and rock in the afternoon, and keep a big net and long pliers ready.**

### PRESSURE

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

## DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE MVP for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 — check the operator page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

| ITEM | NOTE | SOURCE |
|---|---|---|
| Leech Lake Dam | No generation schedule posted by USACE MVP for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18<br>Observed: pool 1,294.50 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 336 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT) | USACE MVP |
| Permit / regs | Much of the lake lies within the Leech Lake Reservation, so respect posted tribal land, and check current Minnesota DNR rules, since Leech has its own walleye regulations. | |
| Clarity | Deep, clear water and steep breaks near town. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

The Walker Bay Fishing Pier on Railroad Avenue West in Walker is a public dock system built for shore anglers, and Walker City Park has docks beside the launch. On the east side, the USACE Leech Lake Recreation Area at Federal Dam gives shoreline access near Portage Bay.

### KAYAK

Kayaks make sense in Walker Bay mornings, when the wind is lightest. Launch at Walker City Park and fish the shoreline breaks and weed edges near town with a jig and minnow, staying close to shore. On the east side, the Leech Lake Recreation Area ramps reach the edges of Portage Bay.

### BOAT

Launch at Walker City Park for Walker Bay, at the Stony Point boat launch, which is open during campground construction, for the main-lake rock, or at the USACE ramps in Federal Dam for Portage Bay.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

Shallow minnow crankbait cast over rock at dusk for walleye (perch or firetiger). Bucktail or glide along weed edges and rock for muskie. Walking bait for smallmouth and pike on calm mornings.

### MID

Jig and paddle-tail swimbait worked across reef edges in the wind. Blade bait or jigging rap on deeper edges in Walker Bay.

### BOTTOM

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