FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Mississippi River MN area

Mississippi River MN

Minnesota

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10 — Strong odds

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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 (~19%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **55–59°F**, lows **40–46°F**, rain chance up to **~19%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

55° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSW 5–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:09 AM / 4:42 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

57° F high

LOW	44°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 5–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:10 AM / 4:41 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

59° F high

LOW	46°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 10–15 mph
RAIN	~19%
SUN	7:12 AM / 4:40 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:09 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 ~46°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a river (10-day response), adjusted by 1 nearby USGS lake gauge; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Shad and shiners are the main forage for walleye and sauger in these pools, and crayfish keep smallmouth on the rock. In fall, baitfish move to the deeper holes and current breaks, and walleye and sauger follow.

ALSO BITING

Smallmouth · white bass. Smallmouth hold on rock, riprap and wing dams and are lightly fished in Pool 2.

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
Lock and Dam 2	No generation schedule posted by USACE MVP for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 686.49 ft (Mon 3:15 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 17,863 cfs (Mon 3:15 AM CT)	USACE MVP
Permit / regs	Paul District (Locks and Dams 2 and 3) · Minnesota DNR Pool 2 information and regulations · City of Hastings and Washington County parks · Pure-Gas.org listings · computed sunrise and sunset.	
Clarity	Color and weight: The Mississippi runs stained, so chartreuse, orange, gold and glow colors are good choices.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

In Pool 2, Grey Cloud Island is a popular spot, with anglers fishing both sides of Grey Cloud Island Drive at the Mooers Lake outlet. The South St. Paul access has a shore area beside the ramp.

KAYAK

Kayaks belong in the backwaters and slower side channels, not the main channel with tows and lock traffic. In Pool 2, launch at Lions Park in St. Paul Park and stay in the protected water near the island, fishing current breaks along shore with a small jig.

BOAT

Launch at Jaycee Park, 420 Lock & Dam Road in Hastings, for Pool 3 just below the dam; the park is open 6 AM to 10 PM with no overnight parking. In Pool 2, the South St. Paul access and Lions Park ramp reach the channel.

LURE BOX

TOP

Shallow minnow crankbait cast along riprap and wing dams at dusk for walleye. Walking bait or popper for smallmouth on calm rock at first light. Small spinner for white bass when they are breaking on the surface.

MID

Jig and paddle-tail swimbait along current seams and wing dams. Crankbait trolled upstream along channel edges for walleye and sauger. Blade bait on deeper channel edges when the sun is high.

BOTTOM

Jig and minnow (3/8 to 1/2 oz, heavier in current) on the channel edges. Three-way rig with a minnow or floating crankbait in the current. Jig and plastic on deeper holes for sauger.