Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Rainy area

Rainy

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	+ 5–10 mph usable ripple	~ Rain up to ~44%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–51°F**, lows **36–40°F**, rain chance up to **~44%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

51° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SW 5–10 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:21 AM / 4:31 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

50° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 5 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	7:23 AM / 4:30 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

51° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	S 5–10 mph
RAIN	~44%
SUN	7:24 AM / 4:29 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:21 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

Young perch, tullibee (cisco) and shiners are the main forage, and crayfish keep smallmouth around rock. You will often see baitfish stacked on the edges of reefs on your graph.

ALSO BITING

Smallmouth bass. Rainy Lake is known for big smallmouth.

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	Much of the lake lies in Voyageurs National Park and along the Ontario border, so check current Minnesota DNR and park rules, and buy an Ontario license before you fish across the line.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The Rainy Lake Fishing Pier at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center picnic grounds is an accessible pier on Black Bay, and Pat Roche Landing in International Falls has a fishing pier on the river behind the Voyageurs National Park headquarters. The Duluth Street Dock in Ranier is another public spot near the lake's outlet.

KAYAK

Kayaks belong in sheltered water this week. Launch at the Rainy Lake Visitor Center and stay along the Black Bay shoreline, where you can jig points and weed edges without crossing open water, or put in at the Duluth Street landing in Ranier on the light wind.

BOAT

The free Rainy Lake Visitor Center launch on Black Bay and the Duluth Street landing in Ranier are the main Minnesota ramps, with Pat Roche Landing in International Falls as another option. Fish wind-blown points, reef tops and the necks between islands in 12 to 25 feet with a jig and minnow or a live-bait rig with a leech.

LURE BOX

TOP

Shallow minnow crankbait cast on wind-blown rock at dusk for walleye (perch or gold). Walking bait for smallmouth on calm rock at first light. Spinnerbait or bucktail along weed edges in Black Bay for pike.

MID

Jig and paddle-tail swimbait swum across reef tops and island points. Blade bait or jigging rap on deeper rock for walleye and smallmouth. Spinner rig with a minnow trolled along the breaks in Black Bay.

BOTTOM

Jig and minnow (1/4 to 3/8 oz, heavier in wind) on the first drop. Live-bait rig with a leech or redtail chub on rock and gravel. Tube or ned rig on deeper boulders for fall smallmouth.