Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Winnibigoshish area

Winnibigoshish

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 ~41%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–52°F**, lows **40–43°F**, rain chance up to **~41%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

51° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 5–10 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:22 AM / 4:39 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	7:24 AM / 4:38 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

52° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	S 5–15 mph
RAIN	~41%
SUN	7:25 AM / 4:37 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 ~46°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 are the main forage on Winnie, and young perch on the flats feed most of the walleye in the lake. Shiners and tullibee (cisco) add to the mix along the breaks.

ALSO BITING

Yellow perch. Winnie is one of Minnesota's best-known perch lakes.

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
Lake Winnibigoshish Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE MVP for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,298.31 ft (Mon 3:30 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 635 cfs (Mon 3:30 AM CT)	USACE MVP
Permit / regs	Check current Minnesota DNR regulations before you keep walleye or perch.	
Clarity	Color and weight: Winnie runs slightly stained, so gold, perch, chartreuse and orange are good choices.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Army Corps of Engineers Winnie Dam Recreation Area, about 14 miles northwest of Deer River, allows fishing from the shoreline along the Mississippi below the dam, which is the best walk-up spot on Winnie this week.

KAYAK

This is a better kayak week than usual on Winnie, but the lake is still big and open. Launch at Plug Hat Point on calm or mornings and stay near shore along the east end, or paddle the Mississippi below the dam from the Winnie Dam Recreation Area ramp. Jig minnows along weed edges and shoreline breaks.

BOAT

Launch at Plug Hat Point (double ramp with a dock) for the east end, at Tamarack Point for the south shore, or at West Winnie for the inlet; the last two can be shallow, so launch carefully. With light wind, troll crankbaits or a spinner rig along bar edges to find scattered walleye, then slow down with a jig and minnow.

LURE BOX

TOP

Shallow minnow crankbait cast over bars and rock at dusk for walleye (perch or gold). Bucktail or glide along weed edges for muskie on calm afternoons. Small spinner for pike along weedlines near the inlet.

MID

Jig and paddle-tail swimbait swum along bar edges in the wind. Spinner rig with a minnow or crawler across the flats.

BOTTOM

Jig and minnow (1/8 to 1/4 oz on calm days) on the bar edges. Live-bait rig with a leech or shiner on the breaks. Small jig tipped with a minnow head or waxworm for perch.