Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Bay Springs / Tenn-Tom area

Bay Springs / Tenn-Tom

Mississippi
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central Time · Largemouth · Spotted

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 5–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **63–70°F**, lows **35–42°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

63° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Widespread Frost then Sunny
WIND	NE 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:27 AM / 4:48 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

66° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Areas Of Frost then Sunny
WIND	E 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:28 AM / 4:47 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

70° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Patchy Frost then Sunny
WIND	ESE 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:29 AM / 4:46 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: NE → E → ESE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:27 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 **Largemouth plan: Follow shad into the backs of creeks and flats 1-10 ft; spinnerbait, squarebill and topwater at a fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~60°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Threadfin and gizzard shad lead the Bay Springs menu, with crawfish on the rock and small bream around brush. That is why a shad-colored walking bait, a translucent swimbait, and a green pumpkin shaky head all belong on the deck.

ALSO BITING

Crappie suspend over deeper brush and around dock shade in 12 to 20 feet. A small jig or minnow under a slip float covers them.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

DAM & WATER — CONFIRM BEFORE YOU LAUNCH

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No shared generation/level feed this cycle — check the agency page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Permit / regs	Current Mississippi regulations are on the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks website.	
Clarity	Spotted bass tend to suspend off rock and bluff banks in clear water, while largemouth push into creek pockets and around brush.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The West Damsite Recreation Area and the riprap near Jamie L. Whitten Lock and Dam give bank anglers deep water within casting distance. Piney Grove, McDougal Branch, and Cotton Springs access areas add shoreline points and pockets up the lake.

KAYAK

Kayaks fit the quieter creek arms near McDougal Branch and Cotton Springs, and the protected water around Piney Grove. Paddle to the back third of a creek at dawn and watch for shad flicking, then fish a small topwater or a jerkbait over the brush. The calm morning is ideal.

BOAT

Launch at Piney Grove for the west shore, near West Damsite for the lower lake, or at the access areas north of Highway 4 for the upper creeks. At dawn, run main-lake and secondary points with a walking bait, then follow shad into the creek mouths with a swimbait or jerkbait.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait over points and creek mouths at first light. Small popper where shad dimple on calm dawns. Buzzbait along shady bluff banks early on the breeze.

MID

Jerkbait (clear or ghost shad) over brush and long points. Small swimbait on a light head for schooling fish. Squarebill crankbait on riprap near the dam.

BOTTOM

Drop shot with a small shad-colored worm on suspended spotted bass. Shaky head (green pumpkin) along rock and bluff transitions. Football jig on deep rock points in the midday sun.