Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Columbus–Aliceville area

Columbus–Aliceville

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 5–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **67–73°F**, lows **37–45°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

67° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	NE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:24 AM / 4:50 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

69° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:25 AM / 4:50 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

73° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:26 AM / 4:49 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 · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:24 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 ~62°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Threadfin and gizzard shad, small bream, and crawfish make up the menu on both pools. A shad-colored squarebill, a green pumpkin worm, and a craw-colored jig cover all three.

ALSO BITING

Crappie hold on laydowns and brush in 6 to 15 feet in the backwaters. A small jig or minnow under a slip float works around the wood.

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 — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE SAM 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
Stennis Lock and Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE SAM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 163.37 ft (Mon 3:45 AM CT)	USACE SAM
Permit / regs	On Columbus Lake, the DeWayne Hayes Recreation Area day-use area gives you shoreline and riprap near grass and the main river, and it is open sunrise to sunset this time of year.	
Clarity	For largemouth bass, morning after the storms is the best shot at a shallow, active bite on stained edges and backwater mouths.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

On Columbus Lake, the DeWayne Hayes Recreation Area day-use area gives you shoreline and riprap near grass and the main river, and it is open sunrise to sunset this time of year. On Aliceville Lake, the Pickensville Recreation Area in Alabama has a fishing dock and bank access close to Bevill Lock and Dam.

KAYAK

Kayaks belong in the backwater cutoffs and sloughs off the main channel on both pools, where laydowns and grass hold bass and boat wakes don't reach. Launch at DeWayne Hayes on Columbus Lake or the Raleigh Ryan access area near Pickensville on Aliceville and paddle into the nearest protected cut.

BOAT

Launch at DeWayne Hayes or near Town Creek for Columbus Lake, or at Pickensville or Raleigh Ryan for Aliceville. At dawn, run a buzzbait, frog, or squarebill along grass edges, laydowns, and the mouths of the backwater cuts. With gates closed and little current, skip the channel breaks and work cover.

LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait (white or black) along grass and laydowns at dawn. Hollow-body frog over grass mats in the backwaters on calm mornings. Walking bait where shad flick at the mouths of the cuts.

MID

Spinnerbait (white and chartreuse) on stained edges morning. Squarebill crankbait (shad or craw) on laydowns and riprap. Weightless stick worm (green pumpkin) along grass lanes.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged creature bait pitched to laydowns and stumps. Jig (black and blue or green pumpkin) on shady wood and docks. Shaky head on riprap near the locks at midday.