Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Delta Oxbows area

Delta Oxbows

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

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 (~1%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **65–72°F**, lows **40–49°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

65° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:35 AM / 5:02 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

68° F high

LOW	44°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ENE 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:36 AM / 5:01 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

72° F high

LOW	49°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 5 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:37 AM / 5:01 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 → ENE → E · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:35 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 **Crappie plan: Fish 8-20 ft brush in creek arms as bait moves in; jig or minnow, moderate pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Crappie 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 ~64°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 minnows make up the oxbow menu, which is why small jigs and live minnows work so well for crappie.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth bass. Bass cruise cypress lines and shallow cover early.

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 crappie length and creel rules for these lakes are on the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks website.	
Clarity	Dry week; expect stable, clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Moon Lake Park and Moon Lake Landing both have covered picnic shelters and restrooms, with shoreline you can fish close by. That makes them the easiest bank stops on Moon Lake for a family trip. On Eagle Lake, fish from the shore near the public ramp off Shell Beach Road.

KAYAK

A kayak fits both lakes well, especially the cypress lines on Moon Lake. Launch at McMillan Boat Launch or Moon Lake Landing and work the trees and pilings near deeper water. Hold beside a single cypress with a stake-out pole and dip a 1/16-ounce jig or minnow straight down.

BOAT

Launch at McMillan Boat Launch, Moon Lake Park, or Moon Lake Landing on Moon Lake, or at the public ramp near Shell Beach Road off Highway 465 on Eagle Lake. On the breeze, long-line troll or drift small jigs along the edge of the deeper water.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walking bait for bass along cypress lines at first light. Popping bug or small popper for bream near shore. Buzzbait for bass on the breezy shoreline.

MID

1/16- to 1/8-ounce jig (white, chartreuse, or blue-and-white) worked around cypress. Minnow under a slip cork set 6 to 12 feet near pilings and docks. Long-line trolled small crankbaits or jigs on breezy.

BOTTOM

Vertical-jigged tube or hair jig in deeper brush at midday. Texas-rigged worm pitched to cypress knees for bass. Cut bait or nightcrawlers on the bottom for catfish after dark.