Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Okatibbee area

Okatibbee

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	+ 10–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~2%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **66–73°F**, lows **35–43°F**, rain chance up to **~2%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

66° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	ENE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	6:25 AM / 4:54 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	38°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ENE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:26 AM / 4:53 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	43°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ENE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:27 AM / 4:53 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: ENE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:25 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 ~63°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Threadfin and gizzard shad, bream, and crawfish make up the Okatibbee menu, so a shad-colored crankbait, a green pumpkin worm, and a craw-colored jig cover the main choices.

ALSO BITING

Crappie hold on brush and stumps in 8 to 15 feet. A small jig or minnow under a slip float works over the cover.

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
Okatibbee Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE SAM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 339.84 ft (Mon 3:15 AM CT)	USACE SAM
Permit / regs	Campground and day-use parks with ramps and courtesy docks.	
Clarity	Fish a spinnerbait along stained edges morning and a frog or popper on the grass at dawn.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The Corps lists fishing jetties at several Okatibbee parks, and the West Bank Damsite and East Bank Dam Site areas put riprap and deeper water within casting distance. Gin Creek, Pine Springs, and Twiltley Branch add shoreline along coves and points. At first light, cast a small buzzbait or stick worm along the grass.

KAYAK

Kayaks fit the protected coves near Twiltley Branch, Gin Creek, and Collinsville, where grass pockets and wood hold bass out of the breeze. Launch from a ramp with a courtesy dock and paddle into the nearest cove. Fish a spinnerbait along stained edges morning and a frog or popper on the grass at dawn.

BOAT

Use the ramps at Twiltley Branch, Gin Creek, Pine Springs, or Collinsville; the Corps lists courtesy docks at its boat ramps. At dawn, run a buzzbait or squarebill along grass edges and wind-blown points. Keep a spinnerbait handy for the stained creek mouths.

LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait (white or chartreuse) along the grass at dawn. Popper or walking bait on wind-blown points early. Hollow-body frog over grass pockets in the calm coves.

MID

Spinnerbait (white and chartreuse) in the stained creek mouths. Squarebill crankbait (shad or craw) on points and riprap. Lipless crankbait over grass flats in the breeze.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged craw on the outside grass edge at midday. Shaky head (green pumpkin) on riprap and points. Jig pitched to docks and laydowns in the shade.