FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Pearl River (Jackson) area

Pearl River (Jackson)

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

9/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 10–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~2%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **68–75°F**, lows **40–50°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

68° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	ENE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	6:30 AM / 5:00 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

71° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ENE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:31 AM / 4:59 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

75° F high

LOW	50°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:32 AM / 4:59 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 → E · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:30 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 **Spotted bass plan: Run main-lake and secondary points 5-20 ft; topwater, spybait and swimbait on schooling fish, fast.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Spotted bass are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~63°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a river (10-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Shad that wash through the spillway, small bream, crawfish, and minnows make up the river menu. That is why small shad-colored crankbaits, inline spinners, and craw-colored soft plastics work so well.

ALSO BITING

Stripers · hybrids. Striped and hybrid striped bass show up below the Ross Barnett spillway, chasing shad.

PRESSURE

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

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.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The Ross Barnett spillway area has shoreline below the dam where you can cast into the tailrace edges and the first deep run. Shad are often thick here, and stripers, hybrids, and catfish join the bass. LeFleur's Bluff State Park in Jackson borders the river near its ramp.

KAYAK

This is classic kayak water. The Pearl River Paddling Trail runs about 10.4 river miles from the Ross Barnett Spillway boat ramp to the LeFleur's Bluff State Park ramp, usually a 2 to 4 hour float plus fishing time. At this low stage, expect some dragging over shoals.

BOAT

Small jon boats and shallow-draft boats fit this stretch best. Big bass boats will struggle at 3.33 ft on the Jackson gauge, and local anglers note the spillway ramp gets difficult below about 5 ft, with a drop-off and sand at the end.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walking bait or prop bait on sandbar points at dawn. Hollow-body frog along shaded logjams. Small popper where shad flick below the spillway.

MID

Small crankbait (shad or craw) along sandbar drop-offs. Inline spinner or small spinnerbait in eddies behind wood. Lipless crankbait run parallel to the bridge rock near Lakeland Drive.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged worm or creature bait (junebug or watermelon) in deeper wood. Ned rig or shaky head on sandbar drop-offs at midday. Cut shad or nightcrawlers on the bottom in deep bends for catfish.