Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Ross Barnett area

Ross Barnett

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 (~3%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **67–75°F**, lows **42–51°F**, rain chance up to **~3%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

67° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ENE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	6:30 AM / 4:59 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

70° F high

LOW	46°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ENE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:31 AM / 4:58 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	51°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:32 AM / 4:58 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 **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 ~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 on points and in the creek mouths, bream around the grass and docks, and crawfish along riprap and stumps make up the Ross Barnett menu.

ALSO BITING

Crappie · bream. Crappie hold on brush piles and stumps in 8 to 15 feet; vertical jig or fish a minnow under a slip float.

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	Some stained water possible in the backs of the creeks.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The Spillway recreation area on the south end gives you riprap and deeper water within casting distance, and Coal Bluff Park and the Ratliff Ferry area upriver give you quieter shoreline with stumps and grass nearby. At first light, throw a weightless stick worm or a small buzzbait along the grass edge or riprap.

KAYAK

Kayaks belong in Pelahatchie Bay and the upper lake near Ratliff Ferry this week, where you can slip into grass pockets and stump rows that bass boats skip. Morning after the storms, paddle the creek mouths and fish the stained-to-clear edge with a spinnerbait. The calm dawn is ideal for a frog over the grass.

BOAT

Launch at Main Harbor or the Spillway ramps for the lower lake, or in Pelahatchie Bay for protected grass. At dawn, run a buzzbait, frog, or walking bait along the outside of the grass and over the stumps, and keep a spinnerbait ready for the post-storm stain.

LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait (white or chartreuse) over the grass edge at dawn and dusk. Hollow-body frog on the thickest mats in Pelahatchie Bay. Walking bait where shad flick on points late in the day.

MID

Spinnerbait (white and chartreuse) along stained creek mouths Squarebill crankbait (shad or craw) off stumps and riprap. Weightless stick worm (green pumpkin or junebug) along grass lanes.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged craw or creature bait pitched into mats and dock shade. Shaky head on the first hard bottom outside the grass at midday. Football jig on riprap and the deeper stumps near the spillway.