FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Bull Shoals (MO) area

Bull Shoals (MO)

Missouri

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 13°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 5–9 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **60–65°F**, lows **31–44°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

60° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 1–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:49 AM / 5:01 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

61° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 1–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:50 AM / 5:00 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

65° F high

LOW	44°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SE 1–9 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:51 AM / 5:00 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: E → SE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:49 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 ~59°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Gizzard and threadfin shad drive the fall bite on Bull Shoals, so a shad-colored swimbait, jerkbait or walking bait belongs on the deck.

ALSO BITING

Walleye · crappie. Walleye roam rocky points and flats in low light; a crankbait or a jig with a minnow along a 15- to 25-foot break is a start.

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. Generation schedule and flows below are copied from the operator as posted at the Cast pull — schedules change; re-check the operator page the morning you fish. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Bull Shoals Dam	Mon 11/16: 12 AM - 4 AM CT 7 MW, 4 AM - 5 AM CT 30 MW, 5 AM - 6 AM CT 130 MW, 6 AM - 8 AM CT 200 MW, 8 AM - 9 AM CT 150 MW, 9 AM - 10 AM CT 100 MW, +3 more blocks · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — Southwestern Power Administration generation schedule Generating now: 1 of 8 units running, 729 cfs through the turbines (last reading) (Mon 3:00 AM CT) Observed: pool 652.51 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 729 cfs (Mon 3:00 AM CT)	USACE (power marketed by Southwestern Power Administration)
Permit / regs	If you cross into Arkansas water, check both states' license rules first.	
Clarity	Light winds leave the clear water flat, so make long casts and use 6- to 10-pound fluorocarbon.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Theodosia Park, a Corps park off Highway 160, has easy shoreline along rocky points with deep water close by. Throw a small swimbait or a walking bait at first light, then switch to a Ned rig or shaky head on chunk rock once the sun is up.

KAYAK

Launch at Beaver Creek Park and fish the gravel points and bluff pockets of the Beaver Creek arm, or put in at Theodosia Park and work the coves of the Little North Fork arm. A Ned rig, a small swimbait and a jig cover most of it.

BOAT

Launch at Theodosia Park, Pontiac, Spring Creek, Beaver Creek Park or River Run Park; all are Corps ramps. Some Corps campgrounds close after September, so confirm the ramp is open before you tow.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (bone or clear) on points at first light. Popper or prop bait over shallow gravel points. Fluke thrown at fish busting shad.

MID

Swimbait or underspin (shad) on points and channel swings. Spinnerbait (white) on windblown points morning. Suspending jerkbait over brush and bluff corners.

BOTTOM

Ned rig (green pumpkin) on gravel points. Football jig (brown and orange) on chunk rock and ledges. Drop shot on brush in 20 to 30 feet at midday.