FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Clearwater Lake area

Clearwater Lake

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

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	+ 3–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **60–64°F**, lows **27–37°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	27°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Sunny
WIND	E 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:42 AM / 4:52 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

62° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Sunny
WIND	SE 1–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:44 AM / 4:51 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

64° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SE 0–3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:45 AM / 4:51 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:42 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.

Basis: estimated water ~57°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 1 nearby USGS lake gauge; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Shad and bluegill are the usual forage on Kansas City-area reservoirs in fall. Watch for surface activity at first light and for bait dimpling on points.

ALSO BITING

Brush and docks hold crappie; small jigs around cover in the cooler morning water Work the same shade and edges you would for largemouth bass, just scale down the bait and slow the retrieve.

PRESSURE

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

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE SWL 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
Clearwater Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE SWL for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 494.46 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 336 cfs (Mon 3:00 AM CT)	USACE SWL
Permit / regs	Keep a light spinning outfit ready for panfish when the bass bite slows, and confirm current Missouri fishing regulations before you keep fish.	
Clarity	No USGS lake-surface reading for Clearwater Lake in this Cast window; wind and clarity set the day.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Productive at dawn and dusk when boat traffic is light.

KAYAK

Launch at a posted public trailer or carry-in access on Clearwater Lake and paddle the lee shoreline and protected pockets at first light. A spinnerbait or chatterbait covers water early; slow down with a soft plastic as fish slide into shade by midday.

BOAT

Launch at a posted public boat access for Clearwater Lake. Work main-lake points and any breeze-blown bank early with a spinnerbait or crankbait, then flip soft plastics into shade and cover as the day heats up. Idle between spots, keep speeds down near kayaks and bank anglers, and treat this as a compact reservoir or lake day.

LURE BOX

TOP

Spinnerbait or chatterbait on points at first light. Walking bait or popper on calm banks early. Squarebill crankbait bumping rock and wood.

MID

Texas-rig creature or stickbait flipped into shade and cover. Shakey head or ned rig on harder point edges. Jig and chunk pitched to docks or laydowns if present.

BOTTOM

Soft plastic stickbait weightless after the cool night. Drop-shot or light Texas-rig when fish suspend off points. Small jig for bank anglers at dusk.