FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake of the Ozarks area

Lake of the Ozarks

Missouri

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 14°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 3–9 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **60–65°F**, lows **36–50°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

60° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:52 AM / 4:57 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	39°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SE 1–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:53 AM / 4:56 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	50°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 3–9 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:54 AM / 4:56 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:52 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 ~58°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 Lake of the Ozarks, so a shad-colored topwater, spinnerbait, or crankbait belongs on the deck.

ALSO BITING

Crappie hold on brush piles and dock posts in 10 to 20 feet. A small jig or minnow fished straight down the shady side of a dock works well.

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 Ameren Missouri 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
Bagnell Dam	No generation schedule posted by Ameren Missouri for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 657.40 ft (Fri 11/13)	Ameren Missouri
Permit / regs	Current Missouri regulations are on the Missouri Department of Conservation website.	
Clarity	Clear water match: With low inflows and calm days, the creek arms are clear.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Lake of the Ozarks State Park near Osage Beach has public shoreline along the Grand Glaize arm, the best walk-up bass water on the lake. At first light, cast a small walking bait or a weightless soft plastic along rock points and the edges of coves where shad are flicking.

KAYAK

This is a great kayak week thanks to almost no wind. Launch at Lake of the Ozarks State Park and paddle the coves of the Grand Glaize arm, or put in near Ha Ha Tonka State Park and fish the quieter Niangua arm. Skip soft plastics under docks and fish secondary points with a squarebill.

BOAT

Use the public ramps at Lake of the Ozarks State Park or a marina ramp near Osage Beach or Lake Ozark. At dawn, run to the middle and back sections of a major creek arm like the Grand Glaize or the Gravois and fish secondary points and the outside posts of dock rows with a topwater, spinnerbait, or squarebill.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (bone or shad) on secondary points at dawn. Buzzbait along dock rows and rock banks in the first hour. Popper or prop bait where shad flick in the backs of coves.

MID

Squarebill crankbait (shad or craw) on chunk rock and dock posts. Spinnerbait (white) along shady banks and creek channel swings. Skipped stick worm or creature bait (green pumpkin) under docks.

BOTTOM

Jig (brown and orange or green pumpkin) on dock posts and brush. Shaky head worm on rock points at midday. Texas-rigged craw in brush piles off the ends of docks.