FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Mark Twain area

Mark Twain

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 11°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 7–12 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~3%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **56–60°F**, lows **40–51°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

56° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 2–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:51 AM / 4:51 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

58° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 6–9 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:52 AM / 4:50 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

60° F high

LOW	51°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 12 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	6:54 AM / 4:49 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 · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:51 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 **Crappie plan: Fish 8-20 ft brush in creek arms as bait moves in; jig or minnow, moderate pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Crappie 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); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Threadfin and gizzard shad are the main forage on Mark Twain, and young-of-the-year shad are the right size for crappie in fall. That is why small white and chartreuse jigs and live minnows work so well.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth bass. Bass follow shad into the creek arms in fall.

PRESSURE

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

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
Clarence Cannon Dam	Mon 11/16: 7 PM - 8 PM CT 50 MW · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — Southwestern Power Administration generation schedule	USACE (power marketed by Southwestern Power Administration)
Mark Twain Pool	No generation schedule posted by USACE MVS for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 602.33 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 330 cfs (Sun 12:00 AM CT)	USACE MVS
Permit / regs	Louis District, operates for flood control and hydropower, with a smaller re-regulation dam downstream.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Below the dam, the Warren G. See Spillway recreation areas, north and south, give bank anglers a shot at fish holding in the current breaks when water is moving. On the lake, Mark Twain State Park near Florida has shoreline and ramps with timber and brush in casting range.

KAYAK

Mark Twain's coves and timber are perfect kayak water, especially on calm morning. Launch at Indian Creek or Ray Behrens and paddle into the nearest creek arm, or put in at Mark Twain State Park and fish the upper arms.

BOAT

The Corps lists 19 boat ramps on Mark Twain; the four-lane ramp at Indian Creek and the ramps at Ray Behrens, Frank Russell and John F. Spalding are good starting points, with a day-use fee at the developed areas.

LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait along timber edges at dawn for bass. Walking bait where shad flick in the creek arms. Popper along calm, shady banks late in the day.

MID

Small hair jig or tube (white, chartreuse) for crappie over brush. Spinnerbait (white or chartreuse and white) along timber lines. Squarebill crankbait on riprap and secondary points.

BOTTOM

Minnow on a slip float or tight-line rig for crappie in timber. Texas-rigged worm or jig flipped into laydowns for bass. Cut shad or nightcrawlers on channel bends for catfish.