Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Truman area

Truman

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10 — Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 13°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 5–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~2%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **59–64°F**, lows **36–49°F**, rain chance up to **~2%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

59° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:55 AM / 5:00 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	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 3–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:56 AM / 4:59 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	49°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 5–10 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	6:57 AM / 4:59 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 (6:55 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 ~58°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

Gizzard and threadfin shad drive the fall bite on Truman, which is why a white spinnerbait and a shad-colored squarebill earn their spot.

ALSO BITING

Crappie are moving onto brush and timber along creek channels in 8 to 15 feet. Fish a small jig or a minnow slowly, tight to the wood.

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
Harry S. Truman Dam	Mon 11/16: 7 AM - 8 AM CT 60 MW · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — Southwestern Power Administration generation schedule Observed: pool 705.06 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 728 cfs (Sun 12:00 AM CT)	USACE (power marketed by Southwestern Power Administration)
Permit / regs	Current Missouri regulations, including crappie limits, are on the Missouri Department of Conservation website.	
Clarity	Use natural shad and green pumpkin on the lower lake, and add chartreuse or black and blue in the stained upper arms.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Truman State Park west of Warsaw has shoreline along points and coves with timber in casting range, the best walk-up water on the lower lake. At first light, throw a spinnerbait or a squarebill along the edge of the timber and over any riprap.

KAYAK

Truman's creek arms are made for a kayak, and the light winds make it easy this week. Launch at Berry Bend or Long Shoal near Warsaw, or at Bucksaw on the Grand River arm, and paddle into the timber where a bass boat cannot easily go.

BOAT

Launch at Truman State Park, Long Shoal, Berry Bend, Thibaut Point or Bucksaw. At dawn, run to secondary points and the outside edge of timber lines in a major creek arm and throw a spinnerbait, a squarebill or a buzzbait where shad are flicking. Graph the creek channel swings for bait.

LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait along timber edges at first light. Walking bait or popper where shad flick in the creek arms. Hollow frog around laydowns and the backs of calm coves.

MID

Spinnerbait (white or chartreuse and white) along timber lines. Squarebill crankbait (shad or craw) on secondary points and riprap. Swim jig along the outside edge of standing timber.

BOTTOM

Flipping jig (black and blue or green pumpkin) on standing timber. Texas-rigged creature bait or worm in laydowns. Small hair or tube jig for crappie on brush in 8 to 15 feet.