Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Wappapello area

Wappapello

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 2–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **60–65°F**, lows **31–38°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	ENE 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:40 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

63° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ESE 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:41 AM / 4:50 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	38°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:42 AM / 4:49 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: ENE → ESE → SSE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:40 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. 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), adjusted by 1 nearby USGS lake gauge; no water-

NATURAL FORAGE

Threadfin and gizzard shad are the main forage on Wappapello, and young 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 coves in fall.

PRESSURE

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

temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by the operator 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
Wappapello Dam	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: observed flow at USGS 07039500 (St. Francis River At Wappapello, Mo) 79 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	the operator
Clarity	Use white and chartreuse jigs for crappie, natural shad colors for bass in clear water, and black and blue in the shade of heavy wood.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The Corps' Spillway Recreation Area below Wappapello Dam is a favorite bank spot on the St. Francis River, with room to cast to the outflow edges. On the lake, Redman Creek Recreation Area has an accessible fishing pier near its four-lane ramp, a good place to dunk a minnow under a slip float for crappie at dawn and dusk.

KAYAK

Calm are made for a kayak on Wappapello. Launch at Chaonia Landing or Peoples Creek and paddle into the nearest creek arm, or use the lower ramp area at the Spillway Recreation Area, which the Corps notes is an easy kayak launch onto the river.

BOAT

Wappapello has 26 boat ramps, and the Corps keeps courtesy docks at Redman Creek, Peoples Creek, Chaonia Landing, Greenville and Rockwood Point. Use side-imaging to find brush piles, stumps and timber along creek channels in 6 to 15 feet, then fish small jigs or minnows straight down.

LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait along timber edges at dawn for bass. Small popper along calm, shady banks for bass and bluegill. Walking bait where shad flick in the coves.

MID

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

BOTTOM

Minnow on a slip float or tight line in brush and stumps. Texas-rigged worm or jig in laydowns for bass. Nightcrawlers or cut shad on channel bends for catfish.