Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Flathead area

Flathead

Montana
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Mountain Time · Trout

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 3–5 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~97%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **34–41°F**, lows **28–34°F**, rain chance up to **~97%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

41° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Light Rain
WIND	SE 1–5 mph
RAIN	~93%
SUN	7:44 AM / 4:57 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

TUESDAY NOV 17

36° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Rain And Snow
WIND	NW 5 mph
RAIN	~97%
SUN	7:45 AM / 4:56 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

34° F high

LOW	28°F
SKY	Chance Light Snow then Mostly Cloudy
WIND	SW 3 mph
RAIN	~28%
SUN	7:47 AM / 4:55 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:44 AM MST) → ~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 **Trout plan: Target inflows and shoreline drop-offs as water cools; spoons, spinners and streamers, moderate.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Trout are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~47°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 steady

NATURAL FORAGE

Natural and white finishes cover most sunny scenarios.

ALSO BITING

Rainbow trout. Shallower points at dawn.

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 Energy Keepers (CSKT) 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
Seliš Ksanka Qłispe' Dam	No generation schedule posted by Energy Keepers (CSKT) for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18	Energy Keepers (CSKT)

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start casts from Wayfarers / Bigfork public shoreline and legal FAS rock on the east shore. Keep the first lure family honest for lake trout clears, then a deliberate downsize. Flathead Lake lots get busy fast after school traffic.

KAYAK

Plan the paddle around Protected Bigfork / Wayfarers pockets first with a lake trout focus and Flathead Lake safety habits. Leash, PFD, return time. No open-lake heroics in rising wind.

BOAT

Idle to Wayfarers or Somers public launches and main-lake points and fish the shaded side. Trolling-motor routes should not wake the ramp cove at Flathead Lake. Courtesy is part of the bite.

LURE BOX

TOP

Spoons at dawn on points. Soft plastics on jigs. Light flutter spoons.

MID

Heavier spoons mid-depth. Tube jigs on rock. Swimbaits on breaks.

BOTTOM

Deep spoons under high sun. Heavy jigs on structure. Slow bottom retrieves.