FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Fort Peck area

Fort Peck

Montana

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Mountain Time · Walleye

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

3/10 — Poor odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 13°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 16 mph · open-water chop	− Rain up to ~84%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **39–52°F**, lows **28–35°F**, rain chance up to **~84%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

52° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	SSE 3 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:13 AM / 4:27 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

51° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	NE 8 mph
RAIN	~83%
SUN	7:15 AM / 4:26 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

39° F high

LOW	28°F
SKY	Rain And Snow
WIND	NW 10–16 mph
RAIN	~84%
SUN	7:16 AM / 4:25 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SSE → NE → NW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:13 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 **Walleye plan: Fish rock and gravel 10-25 ft at low light; jig and minnow or troll stickbaits, moderate.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

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

Basis: estimated water ~48°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

Match profile more than color — natural perch, shad, and white finishes cover most sunny scenarios.

ALSO BITING

Northern pike. Weeds and creek mouths early; bigger profiles.

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 USACE NWDM 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
Fort Peck Dam & Reservoir	**No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18** Observed: pool 2,221.07 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 7,006 cfs (Mon 3:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at legal public rock and riprap below the dam corridor (outside restricted markers), the Fort Peck Marina / Duck Creek recreation shoreline, and Rock Creek public access. Walk slowly at first light with a jig-and-minnow or soft plastic on the current seam, then slide to shaded riprap as the sun climbs.

KAYAK

Duck Creek arm and protected coves are the smart kayak home on these light-wind days. Launch from established recreation-area ramps, hug the bank early for walleye on 8–14 ft transitions, then slide to points once the sun is up.

BOAT

Run the Missouri tailwater seams at first light (outside restricted water), then fan Duck Creek, Rock Creek, and main-lake points as the sun climbs. Use any light chop to hide your presentation on windward breaks in 12–20 ft. Electronics matter here — look for bait balls and fish the edge.

LURE BOX

TOP

Shallow crankbaits on riprap first light. Walking baits over points if bait shows high. Small soft-plastic swimbaits.

MID

1/4–3/8 oz jig + minnow or soft plastic. Spinners and blade baits on seams. Moderate crankbaits on 8–14 ft breaks.

BOTTOM

Bottom bouncers / crawler harnesses. Heavier jigs on current seams. Drop-shot or Ned on clear sunny afternoons.