Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Noxon area

Noxon

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 2–3 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~92%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **36–40°F**, lows **30–34°F**, rain chance up to **~92%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

40° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Light Rain Likely then Patchy Fog
WIND	W 2 mph
RAIN	~92%
SUN	7:48 AM / 5:04 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	30°F
SKY	Chance Light Snow
WIND	NW 2 mph
RAIN	~41%
SUN	7:49 AM / 5:03 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

37° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Partly Sunny
WIND	E 0–3 mph
RAIN	~17%
SUN	7:51 AM / 5:01 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: W → NW → E · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:48 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 **Smallmouth plan: Go subsurface and a notch slower: edges of drop-offs, rocky points and bluff ends between the fall flats and the 20-40 ft winter depth; jerkbait with pauses, small jig or hula grub on the bottom, blade bait ripped off the bottom on points.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Smallmouth are in the late fall transition — water in the low-to-mid 50s, so they are staging on drop-off edges, points and bends between their summer spots and the deep wintering holes.

Basis: estimated water ~48°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

NATURAL FORAGE

Green pumpkin, craw, and natural shad finishes cover most scenarios.

ALSO BITING

Low-light rock and current seams. Northern pike.

PRESSURE

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

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

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDP 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
Noxon Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDP for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 2,329.00 ft (Mon 2:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 79 cfs (Mon 2:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDP
Permit / regs	Confirm length limits and seasons on the live state regulations page before you keep fish.	
Clarity	Drop-shot on clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Flatiron Ridge FAS riprap and legal public rock along the Highway 200 corridor are the Montana-shore walk-ins this week. Dawn-work tubes and Ned rigs on Flatiron rock for smallmouth, then rotate to the next legal Highway 200 pull-off as light spreads.

KAYAK

Launch at Flatiron Ridge FAS and fish the nearest canyon pockets before committing to longer Clark Fork runs. Smallmouth want rock and current; keep the kayak in the seam and use a drift sock when the river push increases. PFD on — canyon water is cold — and give bank anglers on FAS riprap plenty of room.

BOAT

Idle out of Flatiron Ridge FAS at dawn, graph rock transitions and current seams along the Montana shore, then run Heron-direction only after you mark bait. Smallmouth here are a rock-and-current story — short hops along Highway 200 access beat long high-speed runs up the reservoir.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking baits on calm dawns. Small buzzbaits on rock. Tiny swimbaits.

MID

Tube jigs on rock. Crankbaits on points.

BOTTOM

Football jigs. Drop-shot on clear water. Carolina rigs on breaks.