Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Branched Oak area

Branched Oak

Nebraska
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central Time · Walleye

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 26 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~3%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **54–64°F**, lows **40–45°F**, rain chance up to **~3%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

54° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSW 7–17 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:15 AM / 5:08 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

TUESDAY NOV 17

59° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 15–23 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:17 AM / 5:07 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

64° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 18–26 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	7:18 AM / 5:06 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SSW → S · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:15 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 **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 ~55°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

Natural perch, shad, and white finishes cover most sunny scenarios.

ALSO BITING

Northern pike / muskie where present. Weeds and creek mouths early.

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
Salt Creek Dam 18	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,284.19 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 6 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM
Permit / regs	Confirm length limits and seasons on the live state regulations page before you keep fish.	
Clarity	A jig and a small crank cover most sunny clarity.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Area 2 shoreline near Lincoln is the weekday bank play on Branched Oak. Dawn-jig Area 2 points for walleye while the air is still cool, then slide to deeper Area 2 rock as Central Time sun climbs. This reservoir sees after-work traffic even — arrive early and give other bank anglers space.

KAYAK

Launch at Area 2 and stay inside the nearest protected coves while any south breeze is up. Hug 8–14 ft Area 2 transitions for walleye early, then point-hop only if the fetch stays calm. Branched Oak's proximity to Lincoln means more kayaks on nice days — PFD , drift sock ready, and soft soles when you beach.

BOAT

Idle out of Area 2 at first light, graph the first points for bait, then fan main-lake breaks toward the dam as the sun climbs. Walleye here often want a slower presentation under high Central sky — keep a jig rod and a harness rod both rigged.

LURE BOX

TOP

Shallow cranks on riprap dawn. Walking baits if bait is high. Small swimbaits over points.

MID

Jig + minnow / soft plastic. Blade baits on seams. Moderate cranks on breaks.

BOTTOM

Crawler harness / bottom bouncer. Heavier jigs on current. Ned or drop-shot under high sun.