FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Bruning Dam area

Bruning Dam

Nebraska

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 11°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 25 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~3%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **52–63°F**, lows **39–45°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

52° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	SSW 10–20 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:16 AM / 5:12 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

58° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 15–25 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:18 AM / 5:11 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

63° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 15–25 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	7:19 AM / 5:10 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 (7:16 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 **Largemouth plan: Follow shad into the backs of creeks and flats 1-10 ft; spinnerbait, squarebill and topwater at a fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth 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

Green pumpkin and natural shad cover most sunny scenarios.

ALSO BITING

Brush and docks. Shallows early.

PRESSURE

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

DAM & WATER — CONFIRM BEFORE YOU LAUNCH

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No shared generation/level feed this cycle — check the agency page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Clarity	Drop-shot on clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Treat Bruning Dam public shoreline and legal banks near the ramp as the first casts. Aggressive presentations for largemouth bass while shade holds, then a jig when boats idle past. Felt soles help on Bruning Dam's wet edges.

KAYAK

Treat Bruning Dam protected water as safe harbor. Short hops only for largemouth bass. If the graph blanks, one move then trailer — do not flail at Bruning Dam.

BOAT

Boat plan for Bruning Dam: Bruning Dam public ramp and open water first, short second hop, largemouth bass focus, safety always. Starting map, not a guarantee. On this CT weekday at Bruning Dam, two quality hours at first light usually beat six unfocused hours under high sun.

LURE BOX

TOP

Topwater at dawn. Spinnerbaits along cover. Frogs over remaining grass.

MID

Jigs and craws. Texas-rigged plastics.

BOTTOM

Texas rigs under high sun. Drop-shot on clear water. Carolina rigs on deeper edges.