FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Johnson Lake area

Johnson Lake

Nebraska

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 30 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~4%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **53–62°F**, lows **27–36°F**, rain chance up to **~4%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

62° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 10–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	—

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

59° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 10 mph
RAIN	~4%
SUN	—

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

53° F high

LOW	27°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 15–30 mph
RAIN	~4%
SUN	—

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (first light 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 ~54°F — statewide median of 24 lake estimates from the observed air record (NOAA ACIS) — no coordinates on file for this lake; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Natural perch and shad finishes cover most sunny scenarios.

ALSO BITING

Northern pike where present. Weeds and creek mouths 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
Confirm	Managing agency page for this water	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Funnel foot traffic through Johnson Lake SRA shoreline and legal public banks. Use cool CT dawn for walleye, then pick shade lines after the sun climb. At Johnson Lake, snacks on your person beat truck trips.

KAYAK

Start protected: Johnson Lake SRA protected coves. Cover water for walleye without racing every cove. Johnson Lake under CT light rewards patience.

BOAT

Graph Johnson Lake SRA ramp and main-lake points for bait. Park on walleye contact. Leave Johnson Lake cleaner than you found it.

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.