Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Pawnee area

Pawnee

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 29 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~3%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **54–64°F**, lows **41–45°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	S 7–18 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 16–26 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:16 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	41°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 21–29 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	7:17 AM / 5:07 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: 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 **Largemouth plan: Slow down: steep points, channel drops and remaining grass just outside the creeks, between the fall flats and the 15-30 ft winter depth; suspending jerkbait with long pauses, jig-and-pig or blade bait crawled down the slope.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the late fall transition — water under the mid-50s, so bass are sliding off the shallow flats toward steeper points and channel drops near their fall feeding areas.

Basis: estimated water ~55°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Green pumpkin and natural shad cover most sunny scenarios.

ALSO BITING

Low-light points. Brush and docks.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

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 14	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,244.52 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 0 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	Drop-shot on clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Pawnee SRA shoreline and legal timber or dock edges are the Lincoln-side bank plays for largemouth this week. Dawn-work a soft plastic along SRA timber and dock shade, then rotate to the next legal bank stretch as glare builds. Cool CT mornings still need a layer; watch slick docks and muddy SRA banks after any overnight damp.

KAYAK

Launch at Pawnee SRA and stay in the timbered coves rather than open-water crossings. Pitch soft plastics to laydowns and dock edges early for largemouth, then slow down under high sun. Light winds favor a kayak here — still wear a PFD, keep a drift sock for any afternoon push, and give bank anglers on SRA timber plenty of room.

BOAT

Idle out of the SRA ramp at dawn, graph timber edges and secondary points for largemouth, then make short hops between docks and laydowns rather than long main-lake runs. Pawnee fishes small and pressured near Lincoln — quiet approaches and precise casts beat speed.

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.