FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Red Willow area

Red Willow

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 12°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 25 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~6%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **55–67°F**, lows **33–44°F**, rain chance up to **~6%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

55° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 10–20 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:29 AM / 5:24 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	44°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 15–25 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:30 AM / 5:24 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

67° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SW 10–20 mph
RAIN	~6%
SUN	7:31 AM / 5:23 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:29 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 ~54°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 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 — 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
Red Willow Dam (Hugh Butler L)	**No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18** Observed: observed outflow (USACE) 2 cfs (Sun 6:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Arrive ready at Red Willow Reservoir SRA shoreline and legal public banks. Second slower rod saves midday when walleye slide off shallow edges. Red Willow Reservoir concrete gets slick after frost.

KAYAK

Kayak plan keys to Red Willow SRA protected coves. Keep expectations honest for walleye. Stage gear before you block the Red Willow Reservoir lane.

BOAT

Launch toward Red Willow SRA ramp and main-lake points. Keep the morning short and sharp for walleye. On Red Willow Reservoir, the best hour is still the first.

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.