Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Swanson area

Swanson

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

4/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 13°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 25 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~5%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **56–67°F**, lows **32–45°F**, rain chance up to **~5%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

56° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 10–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:30 AM / 5:26 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

61° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 15–25 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:31 AM / 5:26 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	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 10–20 mph
RAIN	~5%
SUN	7:33 AM / 5:25 PM

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 (7:30 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
Trenton Dam (Swanson Lake)	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 2,734.04 ft (Sun 6:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 1 cfs (Sun 6:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM
Permit / regs	Confirm length limits and seasons on the live state regulations page before you keep fish.	
Clarity	Natural-colored soft plastics cover most sunny clarity swings on this reservoir.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Swanson SRA shoreline on this Republican system reservoir is the weekday bank play. Dawn-jig SRA points for walleye, then rotate along legal SRA banks as Central Time light spreads. Cool CT dawns need layers; SRA riprap gets slick — watch your footing and give other anglers space on the short popular bank.

KAYAK

Launch at Swanson SRA and stay inside protected SRA coves while any west breeze is up. Hug near-ramp transitions early for walleye, then point-hop only if the Republican-system fetch stays calm. PFD on in cold water, drift sock ready, soft soles if you beach along the SRA bank.

BOAT

Idle out of Swanson SRA at dawn, graph the first Republican system points for bait, then fan windward breaks as the sun climbs. Walleye often slide deeper under bright CT skies — keep a jig rod and a bottom presentation ready.

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.