Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Wagon Train area

Wagon Train

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 28 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~3%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **56–64°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

56° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSW 7–16 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:13 AM / 5:07 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

60° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 15–24 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:15 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	42°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 21–28 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	7:16 AM / 5:06 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 (7:13 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 ~54°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

Brush and docks. Shallows early.

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 8	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,287.99 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 1 cfs (Mon 3:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM
Clarity	Drop-shot on clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank route: Wagon Train Lake SRA shoreline and legal public banks then the next named public edge. Largemouth bass see fewer boots on the second stop. CT glare at Wagon Train Lake is the midday enemy.

KAYAK

Put in and idle into Wagon Train SRA protected coves. Cover with a moving bait for largemouth bass, then park on the first bait ball. Stay outside swim markers at Wagon Train Lake.

BOAT

Boat plan for Wagon Train Lake: Wagon Train SRA ramp and open water first, short second hop, largemouth bass focus, safety always. Starting map, not a guarantee. On this CT weekday at Wagon Train Lake, 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.