Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Willow Creek area

Willow Creek

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Fair odds

4/10

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 **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 ~53°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a river (10-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 — 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
Clarity	Drop-shot on clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start shallow along Willow Creek (NE) public shoreline near the ramp. Largemouth bass often hold tighter than July fish. At Willow Creek, keep music low near other trucks.

KAYAK

Idle into Willow Creek protected shoreline and fish the lee if the fetch is up. Largemouth bass still feed in protection. At Willow Creek, abort rather than fight whitecaps.

BOAT

Power plan: Willow Creek public ramp and open water, then one honest second hop. At Willow Creek, wear the PFD. Local access note: NGPC boat ramp: Willow Creek SRA - South.

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.