Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Connecticut River (NH) area

Connecticut River (NH)

New Hampshire
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Smallmouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10 — Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 13°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 3–6 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **44–57°F**, lows **23–31°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

44° F high

LOW	23°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	NW 6 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:44 AM / 4:23 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

TUESDAY NOV 17

51° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 0–3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:45 AM / 4:22 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

57° F high

LOW	29°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:46 AM / 4:21 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: NW → W · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:44 AM EST) → ~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 **Smallmouth plan: Go subsurface and a notch slower: edges of drop-offs, rocky points and bluff ends between the fall flats and the 20-40 ft winter depth; jerkbait with pauses, small jig or hula grub on the bottom, blade bait ripped off the bottom on points.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Smallmouth are in the late fall transition — water in the low-to-mid 50s, so they are staging on drop-off edges, points and bends between their summer spots and the deep wintering holes.

Basis: estimated water ~49°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a river (10-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: Crawfish and shiners lead the menu, with fallfish and perch along the seams.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth in the weedy backwaters and coves; walleye along the deeper current seams. Check NH Fish and Game rules (the Connecticut River has New Hampshire–Vermont reciprocal rules) before you keep fish.

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 the operator 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
Wilder	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: observed flow at USGS 01144500 (Connecticut River At West Lebanon, Nh) 991 cfs (Mon 3:30 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	Carry a valid NH license and respect posted no-wake and restricted areas.	
Clarity	Connecticut River (NH) runs clear to lightly stained, so lean on natural colors this week — green pumpkin, smoke, and craw.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at posted public river access in the Hanover–Lebanon stretch, such as the Hanover riverfront near the Ledyard Bridge and the posted Great River Hydro access points around the Wilder pool — verify hours and parking live and stay out of dam safety zones. Morning, cast a tube or Ned to the first current seam.

KAYAK

Launch from a posted public access on the Wilder pool for short paddles to bridge pilings, ledges, and creek mouths. Paddle upstream first so the ride back is with the current. Morning, stay close to shore in the fog.

BOAT

Launch from a public ramp on the Wilder pool and idle around sandbars and ledges. Work current seams and bridge pilings with tubes and swimbaits as the fog lifts. Fish slower with a football jig or dropshot on 8–15 ft ledges.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait — bone or chrome, fog afternoon. Small popper — calm pockets after the frost lifts. Spinnerbait — white on wind-blown rock.

MID

Tube — green pumpkin or smoke on rock. Ned rig — green pumpkin on lee rock and docks. Small swimbait — smelt or perch when bait shows.

BOTTOM

Football jig — green pumpkin or brown, 10–20 ft. Connecticut River (NH) runs clear to lightly stained, so lean on natural colors this week — green pumpkin, smoke, and craw.