Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Newfound Lake area

Newfound Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 12°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 5–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **44–56°F**, lows **29–38°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	29°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	NW 5 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:42 AM / 4:21 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	38°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:43 AM / 4:20 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

56° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:44 AM / 4:19 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 (6:42 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 ~50°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: Smelt and yellow perch lead the menu, with crawfish steady on rock.

ALSO BITING

Lake trout and landlocked salmon are the deep-water story here. Largemouth hide in the softer weed pockets near Hebron.

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
Permit / regs	Carry a valid NH license and respect posted no-wake and restricted areas.	
Clarity	Wakes carry far in this clear water; give shore anglers room.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at posted public shoreline near the Bristol end, the state boat access area off Route 3A when it isn't busy, and Wellington State Park's shoreline if day use is open this late in the season — verify hours, fees, and parking live and stay off private lawns.

KAYAK

Launch from the public access at the south end near Bristol or a posted launch at Wellington for short paddles along the rock drop-offs. Morning in the fog, stay tight to shore and wear bright colors. The northwest wind can roll down the whole lake, so stay in the lee of the Bristol shore or Hebron Bay and fish a Ned rig.

BOAT

Launch from the state access at the south end and idle every pad. Run early as the fog lifts and work the steep west shore and Mayhew Island with walking baits and tubes. The calm rebound day — cover points after the frost lifts and slide deeper when the sun is high.

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. Newfound Lake runs exceptionally clear, so lean on natural colors this week — smoke, smelt, perch, and green pumpkin on light line. Drop to 6–8 lb fluorocarbon on the finesse rod; in Newfound's clarity, line size shows.