FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Ossipee Lake area

Ossipee Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 11°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 5–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **49–59°F**, lows **25–36°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

49° F high

LOW	25°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:39 AM / 4:18 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

55° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:41 AM / 4:17 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

59° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:42 AM / 4:16 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:39 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 ~51°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: Yellow perch and smelt-type baitfish lead the menu, with crawfish steady on rock.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth in Broad Bay, Leavitt Bay, and the Danforth Bays — frogs and jigs in the weed. Chain pickerel along weed lines.

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.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at the posted public access points around the lake — the state boat access area when it's quiet and legal town shoreline in Ossipee and Freedom — and verify hours and parking live; much of the shore is private or protected, so stay off posted land. The fog morning is the bank window: a tube or Ned on the first drop-off.

KAYAK

Launch from a posted public access for short paddles into Broad Bay, Leavitt Bay, or the channels toward the Danforth Bays. Morning, stay close to shore in the fog and wear bright colors. The west wind can make the main lake rough, so stay in the bays and fish weed edges and docks with a Ned rig or chatterbait.

BOAT

Launch from a public ramp and idle every pad and channel. Run early as the fog lifts and work main-lake points and drop-offs with walking baits and tubes. The calm rebound day — cover points after the frost lifts, then slide deeper as the sun climbs.

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. Ossipee Lake runs fairly clear, so lean on natural colors this week — smoke, perch, and green pumpkin, with white on wind-blown banks.