Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Squam Lake area

Squam 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	+ 5–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **45–56°F**, lows **30–40°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

45° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:41 AM / 4:19 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

52° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:42 AM / 4:18 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	37°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:43 AM / 4:18 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 (6:41 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: Yellow perch and smelt lead the menu, with crawfish steady on rock.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth in the weedier coves and around docks — soft plastics and jigs. Lake trout and landlocked salmon roam the deep, clear basin.

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	NH Fish and Game open-water tournament permits list a Tight Lines NH Bass Club event on Squam Oct 24 — confirm with the club before you plan around it.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at posted public shoreline near the Squam River bridge in Holderness, the Holderness town docks where fishing is allowed, and the Ashland end of Little Squam — verify hours and parking live and stay off private docks and camps. The fog morning is your best bank window: a walking bait or tube on the first rock you reach.

KAYAK

Launch from the state boat access on the Squam River in Holderness for short paddles into Little Squam or out to the nearest rock points. Morning in the fog, stay close to shore and wear bright colors so boats can see you. Stay off open crossings in the west wind and fish lee rock and docks with a Ned rig.

BOAT

Launch from the state access on the Squam River and idle the channel. Run early while the fog lifts, idle until you can see, and work island rock with walking baits and tubes. The calm rebound day; cover points and bars after the frost lifts, then slide deeper as the sun gets 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. Squam Lake runs very clear, so lean on natural colors this week — smoke, perch, smelt, and green pumpkin.