Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Winnipesaukee area

Lake Winnipesaukee

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
~ 11°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 10–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **46–57°F**, lows **28–37°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

46° F high

LOW	28°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:40 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	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:41 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

57° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:42 AM / 4:17 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 (6:40 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 ~52°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Crawfish colors on the bottom rod — brown, green pumpkin, and a touch of orange — still earn bites on rock when the sun is high.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth in weed and docks in the shallow bays — soft plastics and jigs. Lake trout deeper midday over the clear Broads.

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	Check NH Fish and Game regulations before you keep fish.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start on posted public shoreline at Weirs Beach walkways, the Laconia / Endicott Rock waterfront stretches, Alton Bay town docks and parks, and legal Wolfeboro and Meredith town edges where rock meets deeper water — verify hours and fees live, and stay off private lawns and docks.

KAYAK

Launch legal public pads at Gilford, Alton Bay, or Meredith for short paddles to rock points, docks, and island edges. Morning in the fog, stay close to shore and wear bright colors so boats can see you. Is the paddling day: light southwest air, sun, and a chance to reach outer rock with a football jig.

BOAT

Stage from protected ramps at Glendale / Gilford, Alton Bay, and Meredith. Run early while fog lifts, idling slow until you can see, and fish island rock with walking baits and tubes. The light-wind rebound day; cover points and humps after the frost lifts, then slide deeper when 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 island 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. Winnipesaukee runs clear, so natural colors win this week: smoke, perch, smelt, and green pumpkin.