Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Manasquan Reservoir area

Manasquan Reservoir

New Jersey
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 5–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **56–63°F**, lows **31–33°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

56° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	NW 5–10 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:43 AM / 4:39 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

58° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:44 AM / 4:38 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

63° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:45 AM / 4:38 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 (6:43 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 **Largemouth plan: Slow down: steep points, channel drops and remaining grass just outside the creeks, between the fall flats and the 15-30 ft winter depth; suspending jerkbait with long pauses, jig-and-pig or blade bait crawled down the slope.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the late fall transition — water under the mid-50s, so bass are sliding off the shallow flats toward steeper points and channel drops near their fall feeding areas.

Basis: estimated water ~55°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 2 nearby

NATURAL FORAGE

Bright sun pushes them tight to shade and depth midday, so expect the best feeding at sunrise and late afternoon rather than all day. What's on the menu: Gizzard shad, sunfish, and shiners lead the menu, with crawfish on the riprap.

ALSO BITING

Crappie around the timber; chain pickerel in the coves. Check NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife rules before you keep fish.

PRESSURE

Weekday traffic — lighter than the weekend. Fish early, give ramps and swim areas room.

USGS lake gauges; no water-temperature 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
Manasquan Reservoir Dam	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: observed flow at USGS 01408000 (Manasquan River At Squankum Nj) 45 cfs (Mon 3:30 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	Carry a valid NJ license.	
Clarity	For largemouth bass, three bluebird days with clear water mean the fish will hold tight to shade, depth, and cover once the sun climbs.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start along the reservoir's perimeter trail and the posted shore-fishing areas near the visitor center and boat launch — verify Monmouth County Parks hours, parking, and shore-fishing rules live. At sunrise, throw a spinnerbait or walking bait along the shore.

KAYAK

Launch at the reservoir's boat launch after checking the county's posted launch rules, then paddle short distances into the wooded coves and along the timber. The breeze can make the open basin choppy, so stay near shore. Morning are calm paddling days — pitch a jig or soft plastic to timber.

BOAT

This is an electric-motor lake with county launch rules, so plan your battery for the day. Launch at the posted ramp and idle through the timber. Cover riprap and points with swimbaits and squarebills while the breeze is up.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait — bone or shad, sunrise each day. Spinnerbait / chatterbait — white or shad on the breezy edges. Buzzbait — calm early weed mats.

MID

Soft jerk / fluke — shad or green on shaded cover. Small swimbait — when shad flicker on the surface. Squarebill — craw on rock and wood.

BOTTOM

Jig — green pumpkin or brown on wood and docks. Texas-rig worm — slow midday weed edges. Dropshot — finesse on the deep edge.