Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Monksville Reservoir area

Monksville Reservoir

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 3–8 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–61°F**, lows **32–35°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

51° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 1–8 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:45 AM / 4:37 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

56° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 1–6 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:47 AM / 4:36 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

61° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:48 AM / 4:36 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 (6:45 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 ~53°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: Alewives, shiners, and sunfish lead the menu, with crawfish on the riprap and roadbeds.

ALSO BITING

Walleye on the roadbeds and deeper drops; smallmouth on the riprap; 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 — 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 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 at the posted public shoreline near the state boat launch off Greenwood Lake Turnpike and the riprap areas where fishing is allowed — verify hours and parking live and stay off restricted dam sections. At sunrise, throw a walking bait or spinnerbait along wood and rock.

KAYAK

Launch from the state boat launch for short paddles into the coves and along the riprap. The northwest breeze can make the open basin choppy, so stay near shore. Morning are calm paddling days — work wood and roadbed edges with a jig or soft plastic.

BOAT

Launch from the state ramp after checking posted motor rules, and idle every pad — stumps and old roadbeds sit close to the surface in places at fall pool. Cover the riprap and points with swimbaits and spinnerbaits while the breeze is up. Slow down — jig the roadbeds and wood in 10–20 ft.

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.