Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Round Valley Reservoir area

Round Valley 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 **55–62°F**, lows **30–33°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

55° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	NW 5–10 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:46 AM / 4:40 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	31°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:47 AM / 4:40 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

62° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:49 AM / 4:39 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 (6:46 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 ~54°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 and other baitfish lead the menu, with sunfish around the weed and crawfish on the riprap.

ALSO BITING

Smallmouth bass are a big part of Round Valley — tubes and dropshots on the riprap. Lake trout and brown trout roam the deep, cold basin.

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 Round Valley Recreation Area's posted shoreline near the boat launch and the fishing access along the main recreation area — verify fall hours, parking, and any fees live, and stay off closed dam sections. At sunrise, throw a walking bait or swimbait along the rock.

KAYAK

Launch at the recreation area's boat ramp for short paddles along the riprap and nearby coves. Round Valley is big and deep, and wind can build quickly, so stay close to shore on the northwest breeze. Morning are calm paddling days — work the riprap with a jig or dropshot and the cove weed edges with a soft jerk.

BOAT

Launch at the recreation area ramp, follow the posted horsepower and boating rules, and idle every pad. Cover the riprap and points with swimbaits and walking baits while the breeze is up. Slow down — dropshot and jig the 15–25 ft rock and weed edge.

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.