Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Abiquiu area

# Abiquiu

New Mexico
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Mountain Time · Largemouth

## BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

**2**/10

Stay off the water

0 2 4 6 8 10

| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| + Mostly stable | − Lightning in forecast | + 0–10 mph usable ripple | − Rain up to ~85% | ~ Fall transition | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–56°F**, lows **24–32°F**, rain chance up to **~85%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

## THREE-DAY WEATHER

### MONDAY NOV 16

**56°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 29°F |
| SKY | Mostly Sunny |
| WIND | 0 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:43 AM / 4:57 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

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|---|---|
| LOW | 32°F |
| SKY | Partly Sunny then Showers And Thunderstorms |
| WIND | SE 0–10 mph |
| RAIN | ~85% |
| SUN | 6:45 AM / 4:56 PM |

*Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.*

### WEDNESDAY NOV 18

**50°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 24°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | W 5–10 mph |
| RAIN | ~5% |
| SUN | 6:46 AM / 4:56 PM |

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: → SE → W · Bite window: dawn + last light

## HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

### MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:43 AM MST) → ~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 ~51°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

### NATURAL FORAGE

**Crayfish on the rock and small baitfish in the open water are the main menu. No forage survey came out for this window, so lean on natural craw and shad colors, and go a shade darker in any stained water near the Chama inflow.**

### ALSO BITING

**Walleye are a real low-light option on rocky points and in the upper arm. A jig and minnow or a slow-rolled swimbait at dawn and dusk is the simplest way to find them.**

### PRESSURE

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

response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

## DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE SPA 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Abiquiu Reservoir | No generation schedule posted by USACE SPA for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18<br>Observed: pool 6,224.66 ft (Mon 3:30 AM CT) | USACE SPA |
| Permit / regs | Bank anglers should start at Riana Campground and the day-use shoreline near the main ramp, where rocky points drop into deeper water within casting range. | |
| Clarity | If the color change is visible, run a darker jig along the stained side and a shad-colored crank on the clear side. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

Bank anglers should start at Riana Campground and the day-use shoreline near the main ramp, where rocky points drop into deeper water within casting range. Stay on posted Corps shoreline and out of the active ramp lane.

### KAYAK

This is a very good kayak week: almost no wind and only a light east breeze. Launch from the main Corps ramp near the dam or a posted shoreline access at Riana, and paddle the protected pockets along the canyon walls. Hug the shade lines and drop a Ned rig or a drop-shot on the first ledge you mark.

### BOAT

Launch at the main Abiquiu ramp near the dam after checking the Corps notices, and idle carefully near the ramp because the waterline may be moving with the bigger release. At dawn, run the main-lake points and fish a walking bait or a jerkbait over the shallow rock.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

Small walking bait (bone, clear) — calm dawn over rocky points. Spybait — slick water when fish are high but cautious. Popper — last light along shady walls.

### MID

Jerkbait (ghost shad) — points and boulder flats at dawn. Small crank (craw) — windward points Swimbait on a light head — suspended fish off ledges.

### BOTTOM

⅛-oz tube (green pumpkin, smoke) — broken rock. Ned rig or drop-shot (natural shad, goby) — first ledge midday. Football jig (brown/purple) — channel swings for bigger fish.