Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Brantley area

Brantley

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

4/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 15°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~12%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **53–68°F**, lows **43–44°F**, rain chance up to **~12%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

53° F high

LOW	44°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	SE 5–15 mph
RAIN	~12%
SUN	6:28 AM / 4:56 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

TUESDAY NOV 17

59° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	SE 15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:29 AM / 4:55 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

68° F high

LOW	44°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:29 AM / 4:55 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:28 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: Follow shad into the backs of creeks and flats 1-10 ft; spinnerbait, squarebill and topwater at a fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~60°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Shad are the main forage for both white bass and largemouth. No forage survey came out for this window, so match shad with white and chrome, and use craw colors around rock for largemouth.

ALSO BITING

Catfish feed well at Brantley in warm water, especially at dusk and after dark. Cut bait or stink bait on the bottom near channel edges works well.

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 — 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
Brantley Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE SPA for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 3,256.58 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE SPA
Permit / regs	Brantley Lake State Park has two sides: Limestone Campground, the east ramp and the East Side Day-Use Area off East Brantley Lake Road, and the Seven Rivers ramp and day-use area on the west side off US 285.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shore anglers can start at the Seven Rivers day-use area on the west side, reached off US 285, or along the East Side Day-Use Area and the shoreline below Limestone Campground on the east side, staying clear of both launch lanes.

KAYAK

Kayakers get calm water most of the week after the morning shower chance. Launch beside the east ramp near Limestone Campground or from the Seven Rivers day-use area on the west side, and paddle the coves near the main basin, watching for white bass busts.

BOAT

Launch at the two-lane Seven Rivers ramp on the west side or the one-lane east ramp off East Brantley Lake Road after checking the park's boating conditions, and idle out carefully because low-water debris can sit near the ramp.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walking bait (chrome) — surface busts at dawn. Popper — calm cove edges for largemouth. Prop bait (shad) — busting fish on flat calm.

MID

Small spoon (chrome) — breaking white bass. White swimbait on a light jighead — schools just under the surface. Inline spinner (silver) — bank anglers on busts.

BOTTOM

Slab spoon (chrome/white) — white bass after the busts stop. Texas-rig craw (green pumpkin) — riprap and rock. Drop-shot (shad) — largemouth on deeper rock midday.