Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Caballo area

Caballo

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~7%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **64–66°F**, lows **39–42°F**, rain chance up to **~7%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

64° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSE 2–10 mph
RAIN	~5%
SUN	6:40 AM / 5:07 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

65° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	SSE 3–15 mph
RAIN	~7%
SUN	6:41 AM / 5:06 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

66° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSW 3–9 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:42 AM / 5:06 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SSE → SSW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:40 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.

Basis: estimated water ~58°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Shad are the main forage, with crayfish and sunfish around the rock. No forage survey came out for this window, so match shad with white and chrome, and use craw colors around rocky points.

ALSO BITING

White bass school on shad over the main basin and off points. A small spoon or a white swimbait covers them on calm mornings.

PRESSURE

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

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
Caballo Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 4,139.22 ft (Sat 11/14); daily average release (Reclamation) 1 cfs (Sun 11/15)	the operator
Permit / regs	New Mexico Department of Wildlife — current fishing rules and special-water regulations; Pure-Gas.org station listings (stations only).	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank anglers can walk the shoreline below Palomino, Appaloosa and Stallion campgrounds, all reached through the park's main entrance off NM 187, and the rocky stretches toward the dam. Stay out of the lane at the main ramp north of Lakeside Campground.

KAYAK

This is a very good kayak week with light wind every day. Launch beside the main ramp north of Lakeside Campground, or carry in from the shoreline below Palomino or Stallion campground, and paddle the coves and rocky points along the west shore.

BOAT

Launch at the open west ramp, the five-lane ramp north of Lakeside Campground; the east ramp near the dam is closed. Idle carefully near the ramp because low-pool debris can sit near the surface, and give the four islands near the dam a wide berth. At dawn, run the rocky points and riprap with a spinnerbait or squarebill.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (bone) — calm dawn over rocky points. Buzzbait (white) — brush at the waterline. Popper — last light along riprap.

MID

⅜-oz spinnerbait (white/chartreuse) — points and brush. Squarebill (craw) — rock in 2–6 ft. Small spoon (chrome) — white bass busts.

BOTTOM

Texas-rig craw (green pumpkin) — brush and rock. Drop-shot (shad) — first drop midday. Football jig (brown) — channel swings.