Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Clayton area

Clayton

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 30 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~2%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **52–61°F**, lows **34–41°F**, rain chance up to **~2%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

52° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 15–20 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:31 AM / 4:43 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

54° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	SW 25–30 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	6:32 AM / 4:43 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

61° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SW 10–20 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:33 AM / 4:42 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:31 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 ~55°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

Small baitfish, sunfish, and crayfish around rock and weed edges are the main menu. No forage survey came out for this window, so match natural craw and baitfish colors, with white or chartreuse on the windblown banks.

ALSO BITING

Clayton has a strong walleye reputation. Low-light hours on the dam rock and windblown points, with a jig and minnow or a slow swimbait, are your best bet.

PRESSURE

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

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	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 fishing is the main way to fish Clayton this week. Walk the dam and the rocky shoreline toward the spillway and dinosaur trackways, or fish the banks below the park's campgrounds and the closed boat ramp, choosing whichever side the southwest wind is hitting.

KAYAK

With motorized boats prohibited, a canoe or kayak is the only way onto the water this week. Launch from the boat ramp area, which is closed to motorized boats, and fish along the dam rock and weed edges with a Ned rig or a wacky rig.

BOAT

There is no motorized boating at Clayton this week. The park has closed the boat ramp and prohibited motorized vessels because of low water, so trailered boats should not make the trip. If you have a canoe or a small kayak, follow the kayak plan above; otherwise, fish from the bank.

LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait (white) — windblown banks Popper — calm dawn. Weightless stick bait — weed edges.

MID

Spinnerbait (white/chartreuse) — windblown banks. Shallow crank (craw) — windward rock. Swimbait on a light head — weed edges.

BOTTOM

Ned rig (green pumpkin) — dam rock. Wacky rig — calm-day stealth. Jig (brown/purple) — deeper rock and points.