Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Van area

Lake Van

New Mexico
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central 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

LOW	29°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	—

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

56° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Partly Sunny then Showers And Thunderstorms
WIND	SE 0–10 mph
RAIN	~85%
SUN	—

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

LOW	24°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 5–10 mph
RAIN	~5%
SUN	—

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 (first light CST) → ~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 ~53°F — statewide median of 21 lake estimates from the observed air

NATURAL FORAGE

No roster note on file for this water.

ALSO BITING

No roster note on file for this water.

PRESSURE

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

record (NOAA ACIS) — no coordinates on file for this lake; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

WATER BOARD — LAKE CHEAT SHEET

FIXED Natural / small-impoundment water — no generation table. Check access rules and level notes with the managing agency before you go.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Confirm	Managing agency page for this water	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

No bank slot on file for this water — confirm access with the managing agency before you go.

KAYAK

No kayak slot on file for this water — confirm access with the managing agency before you go.

BOAT

No boat slot on file for this water — confirm access with the managing agency before you go.

LURE BOX

TOP

No topwater slot on file for this water — stay mid / bottom.

MID

No mid-depth slot on file for this water.

BOTTOM

No bottom slot on file for this water.