Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Navajo area

Navajo

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

2/10

Stay off the water

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	− Lightning in forecast	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	− Rain up to ~92%	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–60°F**, lows **23–32°F**, rain chance up to **~92%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

59° F high

LOW	29°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:49 AM / 4:59 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

60° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Showers And Thunderstorms
WIND	SE 5–15 mph
RAIN	~92%
SUN	6:50 AM / 4:59 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

LOW	23°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 0–5 mph
RAIN	~4%
SUN	6:51 AM / 4:58 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 (6:49 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 ~52°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Crayfish on the rock and small baitfish in open water make up most of the menu. No forage survey came out for this window, so lean on natural craw and shad colors.

ALSO BITING

Kokanee salmon are in their fall spawning run. Check the current New Mexico rules for any special kokanee season and gear rules before you target them.

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
Navajo Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE SPA for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 6,072.51 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT)	USACE SPA
Permit / regs	Stay on New Mexico water unless you also hold a Colorado license and follow Colorado rules.	
Clarity	Slick water and clear water mean long casts and light line matter more than color.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank anglers should fish the rocky shoreline near the Pine and Sims Mesa areas of the state park, staying clear of the ramps and marina traffic. At first light, throw a small topwater or a jerkbait across the nearest rocky point, then switch to a tube or a Ned rig and work it slowly down the rock as the sun climbs.

KAYAK

This is a great kayak week, with almost no wind on all three days. Launch from a posted access near the Pine or Sims Mesa area and paddle the canyon pockets and rocky points. Drop a Ned rig or a drop-shot along steep rock and work the shade lines.

BOAT

Launch at the Pine or Sims Mesa ramp after checking the state park alerts. At dawn, run the main-lake points and canyon walls with a jerkbait, a topwater, or a tube. Midday, back off to 15 to 30 feet with a drop-shot, a football jig, or a Ned rig dragged slowly on the same structure.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walking bait (bone) — calm dawn over points. Spybait — slick water, cautious fish. Popper — last light along walls.

MID

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

BOTTOM

Tube (green pumpkin, smoke) — broken rock. Drop-shot (natural shad, goby) — 15–30 ft midday. Football jig (brown/purple) — bigger fish on ledges.