Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Cayuga area

Cayuga

New York
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 3–9 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **48–57°F**, lows **40–41°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

48° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	NW 3–9 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:59 AM / 4:43 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

55° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 2–6 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:00 AM / 4:42 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

57° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SW 0–3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:01 AM / 4:41 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:59 AM EST) → ~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

Walleye & perch — deeper breaks and weed-to-sand transitions in low light.

ALSO BITING

Walleye & perch — deeper breaks and weed-to-sand transitions in low light.
Trout corridor — Cayuga's deep cold water keeps trout in the conversation offshore; not the primary bass plan.

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 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
Mud Lock C&S Canal Dam	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: observed flow at USGS 0423406130 (Seneca River At Free Bridge Corners Ny) 2,250 cfs (Mon 3:45 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	NYSDEC freshwater fishing regulations and local park / launch pages.	
Clarity	Match color to water clarity: natural craw and goby tones in clear water, brighter chartreuse or white when wind stains the first few feet.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Work posted-open parks and public accesses along Cayuga — Taughannock-area public water, Myers Point corridor, and other marked Finger Lakes access — not private cottage banks. Cast parallel to weed edges and riprap with a spinnerbait or creature bait. Wait for frost to ease, then work a Ned or wacky along the first warm shelf.

KAYAK

Launch from a hard Finger Lakes ramp (Myers Point / Ithaca-end public launches as posted) and keep hops inside protected arms while northwest wind works the main lake. Is the calmest paddle for covering rock-to-weed transitions. Get moving early and watch the south breeze.

BOAT

Trailer to a known hard ramp after checking wind. Fish wind-touched points and deep weed edges. Start later and slower on rock and docks, then cover as the sun climbs.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait when wind puts ripple on edges.

MID

Keep a spinnerbait for windblown weed points. Cover — spinnerbait. Small crank.

BOTTOM

Tube, Ned, or drop-shot for rock and the first drop after cold nights. Grass / wood — creature bait, punch rig, or jig where mats and timber remain. Follow-up — weightless soft jerk or wacky worm after a boil or short strike.