FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Badin Lake area

Badin Lake

North Carolina
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 2–3 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **60–67°F**, lows **29–33°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

60° F high

LOW	29°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 0–3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:56 AM / 5:13 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

62° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	N 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:57 AM / 5:12 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

67° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:58 AM / 5:12 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: NE → N · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:56 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: 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. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~60°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

No roster note on file for this water.

ALSO BITING

Crappie are gathering on brush and around dock pilings in the coves; small jigs or minnows fished slowly work well in the calm. Catfish bite cut bait along channel edges in the evening and at night.

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 — 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	Moderate drought (D1) across much of the Yadkin basin; stored water used for required minimum releases; levels within the license's operating range.	
Clarity	For Badin's largemouth and spotted bass, clear water and light wind are the two big factors.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

In the Uwharrie National Forest's Badin Lake Recreation Area, King's Mountain Point has four accessible fishing piers, and the Badin Lake Trail follows long stretches of rocky public shoreline. The Old Whitney fishing pier is another walk-in option.

KAYAK

The Forest Service Cove Boat Ramp off Cove Road near Arrowhead Campground is open year-round and welcomes both paddle and motor craft. From there, the forested coves are a short paddle away. Fish a tube or a finesse worm along rock and blowdowns, and drift the light breeze over points.

BOAT

Launch at Circle Drive on Shoreline Drive near New London, which has about 40 trailer spaces and an accessible dock, or at Cove Boat Ramp or Old Whitney. Start with a walking bait or jerkbait on main-lake points, especially in the breeze. Midday, back off to 15–25 feet on steep rock and brush with a dropshot or a shaky head.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (clear or bone) on points at dawn. Prop bait on calm flats. Small popper along shady docks.

MID

Suspending jerkbait on clear rock. 3" swimbait on a light jighead. Small crankbait (crawfish) on gravel points.

BOTTOM

Dropshot (shad or morning dawn) on deep rock. Tube on boulders and bluff ledges. Shaky head (green pumpkin) on rocky banks.