Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Falls Lake area

Falls 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	+ 2–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **59–66°F**, lows **32–34°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

59° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	N 1–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:52 AM / 5:06 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

65° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	N 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:53 AM / 5:06 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

66° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:54 AM / 5:05 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:52 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

Cooling nights in the upper 40s and 50s start moving shad into the creek arms, and largemouth trail them.

ALSO BITING

Crappie are one of Falls Lake's best fisheries, and fall is a strong time as they gather on timber along creek channels and around bridge pilings; small minnows or 1.5–2" jigs fished vertically work well.

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 SAW 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
Falls Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE SAW for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 244.94 ft (Mon 3:45 AM CT)	USACE SAW
Permit / regs	Regs: Confirm length limits, creel limits, and any special rules on the live North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission freshwater page before you keep fish.	
Clarity	Falls usually runs stained, especially in the upper arms, so chartreuse and black-blue show up well; the lower lake is a little clearer.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Falls Lake State Recreation Area has accessible fishing piers at Rolling View (near Shelter 14) and Beaverdam (near Shelter 23), plus open shoreline at both. Fishing at boat launches and in swim areas is prohibited.

KAYAK

Beaverdam is the paddler's pick: gas motors are banned on Beaverdam Lake, so you get quiet water and plenty of wood. The NCWRC Eno River access, a single-lane ramp on the upper end, also suits hand-launched boats. Work a weightless fluke or a small spinnerbait through timber edges and drift the breeze along windblown banks.

BOAT

Launch at Rolling View or Highway 50 in the state recreation area, or at the NCWRC four-lane ramps at Ledge Rock, Hickory Hill, or Upper Barton Creek, and check ramp depth first. Start on lower-lake points and bridge riprap with a squarebill or a walking bait.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (shad or bone) over points at dawn. Buzzbait along timber edges in the fog. Popper on calm flats.

MID

Squarebill (shad, chartreuse-black) on riprap and stumps. Spinnerbait (white/chartreuse) on the windy banks. 3–4" swimbait for schooling fish.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged worm or creature on timber edges. Carolina rig along channel swings. Jig (green pumpkin or black-blue) on stumps.