Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Wylie area

Lake Wylie

North Carolina
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	+ 3–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **59–67°F**, lows **33–36°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	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NNE 1–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:59 AM / 5:17 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

64° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:00 AM / 5:17 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	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:01 AM / 5:16 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: NNE → NE · 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: 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

Wylie's spotted bass are starting to group up and roam after shad as nights drop toward the upper 40s, which is when points and humps come alive.

ALSO BITING

Crappie are moving onto brush and dock pilings in the creeks; small minnows or 1.5–2" jigs are a good calm-day option. Wylie is also well known for blue catfish, which bite cut shad or herring on channel ledges, especially 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 — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. Generation schedule and flows below are copied from the operator as posted at the Cast pull — schedules change; re-check the operator page the morning you fish. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Wylie Dam	Mon 11/16: 7 AM - 9 AM ET · Tue 11/17: no generation/release scheduled · Wed 11/18: no generation/release scheduled — Duke Energy Lake View Observed: pool 566.70 ft (Mon 11/16)	Duke Energy
Permit / regs	Confirm license coverage, length limits, and creel limits on the live North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission freshwater page, and with SCDNR if you fish South Carolina waters.	
Clarity	The North Carolina end, from the South Fork near Belmont up the Catawba toward Mountain Island, runs narrower and more stained, with docks, wood, and riprap.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Gaston County's South Point Access on Boat Launch Road in Belmont has two large fishing piers and plenty of open shoreline right where the South Fork meets the main lake. Copperhead Island in Charlotte adds fishing piers on the Mecklenburg side.

KAYAK

McDowell Nature Preserve on York Road in Charlotte has a hand-launch landing near its waterfront deck, which opens up quiet coves on the Mecklenburg shore. Hug the docks and laydowns with a weightless fluke or a small swimbait, and drift the northeast breeze down the windward bank.

BOAT

Launch at South Point Access in Belmont or Copperhead Island, where ramps 1 and 2 were open and the other two were closed for low water as of late September. Buster Boyd Access, just across the state line on the South Carolina side, is the other big public ramp.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (bone or clear) for schooling spotted bass. Popper along dock shade. Prop bait on calm flats.

MID

3–4" swimbait on a light jighead. Jerkbait on clearer lower-lake points. Spinnerbait (white) on windy banks.

BOTTOM

Dropshot on brush and humps. Shaky head on rock and dock posts. Jig on upper-lake wood and docks.