Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Mirror Nd area

Mirror Nd

North Dakota
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Mountain Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

3/10 — Poor odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 13°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 24 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~19%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **46–59°F**, lows **23–30°F**, rain chance up to **~19%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

59° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 0–6 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:52 AM / 4:17 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	29°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	SE 0–8 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	6:53 AM / 4:16 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

46° F high

LOW	23°F
SKY	Slight Chance Light Rain
WIND	SW 3–24 mph
RAIN	~19%
SUN	6:54 AM / 4:16 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:52 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 ~49°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

No dated forage report covers this exact window, so treat this as the seasonal most-likely menu and let your graph

ALSO BITING

Walleye, northern pike, and panfish are common secondary targets on southwestern North Dakota prairie lakes. Confirm length limits, creel limits, and any special rules on the live NDGF fishing page before you keep fish.

PRESSURE

Weekday traffic — lighter than the weekend. Fish early, give ramps and swim areas room.

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

WATER BOARD — LAKE CHEAT SHEET

FIXED Natural / small-impoundment water — no generation table. Check access rules and level notes with the managing agency before you go.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
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ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start from the NDGF-listed public boat ramp on Mirror Lake (Hettinger) and fish public shoreline within walking distance of the ramp lot — not the launch lanes themselves.

KAYAK

Launch at the NDGF-listed public boat ramp on Mirror Lake (Hettinger), then stay in the near-shore rock and cove circuit so you are not fighting open-water whitecaps all day. Skip or swim a soft plastic along riprap, rock, and protected cove edges, and use the northwest breeze to drift the windward bank where bait lines up.

BOAT

Trailer in at the NDGF-listed public boat ramp on Mirror Lake (Hettinger) and idle out until you are clear of the ramp pocket. Run lee rock and points at first light with a squarebill, spinnerbait, or walking bait, then stay on protected structure while the wind holds.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (shad) for schooling fish on calm edges. Buzzbait along lee weed and riprap in the chop. Popper in quiet cove shade.

MID

Squarebill (shad or chartreuse) on rock and riprap. 3–4" swimbait on a light jighead. White or chartreuse spinnerbait on breezy banks.

BOTTOM

Ned rig or shaky head on rock points. Green-pumpkin jig along riprap and wood. Texas-rigged stick worm in quieter pockets.