FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Patterson Lake area

Patterson Lake

North Dakota

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

0 /10

Poor odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 19°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 20 mph · unsafe chop	− Rain up to ~54%	− Winter	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **43–62°F**, lows **27–34°F**, rain chance up to **~54%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

62° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 6 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:55 AM / 4:16 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

53° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	E 3–9 mph
RAIN	~6%
SUN	6:57 AM / 4:15 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

43° F high

LOW	27°F
SKY	Chance Light Rain
WIND	SW 5–20 mph
RAIN	~54%
SUN	6:58 AM / 4:14 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:55 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

WINTER **Largemouth plan: Fish 15-30 ft bluff ends and channel swings; slow-roll a jig, blade bait or suspending jerkbait with long pauses.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the winter pattern — slow metabolism, holding deep and tight to structure.

Basis: estimated water ~48°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

The best guess is young-of-year baitfish, small perch and bluegill, and crawfish around weeds and rock.

ALSO BITING

Walleye · crappie. Game and Fish reports a good number of walleye up to 5 pounds and crappie up to a pound.

PRESSURE

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

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM 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
Dickinson Dam on the Heart R	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 2,417.47 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 0 cfs (Sun 12:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM
Permit / regs	Limits and regulations: check the current North Dakota Game and Fish fishing guide before you keep fish.	
Clarity	Color match: Clarity has not been reported.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Patterson Lake Recreation Area has about 26 miles of shoreline, and Game and Fish notes shore access near its three boat ramps plus earthen and metal fishing piers. There is also a floating, accessible fishing pier at the Game and Fish office site.

KAYAK

Patterson is good kayak water most of this week. Launch near the boat dock by Lion's Park inside the recreation area, or at one of the ramps, and work weed edges, docks and coves along the shoreline. Wear your PFD and carry a whistle, and paddle into the breeze first.

BOAT

Game and Fish lists three concrete ramps on the lake: the North Ramp, South Ramp and Main Ramp. You do not need a big motor here, so work slowly. Fish weed edges and points in 4–12 feet with a spinnerbait, chatterbait or Texas-rigged worm for largemouth.

LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait or popper along weed edges at first light. Walking bait over shallow points on calm Weedless frog over shallow weed tops.

MID

Spinnerbait or chatterbait (white, chartreuse) along weed edges. Shallow crankbait (perch, shad) on points. Small tube jig for suspended crappie.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged worm or creature bait (green pumpkin) in weeds. Crawler harness or jig and minnow for walleye. Cut bait or nightcrawlers on the bottom for catfish.