Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Pipestem Lake area

Pipestem Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	~ Rain up to ~41%	− Winter	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **52–57°F**, lows **35–37°F**, rain chance up to **~41%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

57° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:39 AM / 4:59 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

52° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	S 8–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:41 AM / 4:58 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

52° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	S 6–13 mph
RAIN	~41%
SUN	7:42 AM / 4:57 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:39 AM CST) → ~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 ~47°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 lake's fishery is northern pike, yellow perch and walleye, which Game and Fish rates as abundant, plus black crappie. Pike cruise the flooded grass and weed edges, perch school just outside the weeds near the bottom, and walleye move shallow at dawn and du

ALSO BITING

Northern pike · walleye.

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
Pipestem Dam & Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18	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

Game and Fish lists three walk-in shore spots: the Pipestem Dam area, the tailrace below the dam and the North Side Recreation Area, all with parking and a walk to the water. Shore access around Parkhurst Landing, run by the Stutsman County Park Board, is another option.

KAYAK

Pipestem is small and narrow, which makes it good kayak water once the wind settles. Launch at Parkhurst Landing and work the flooded grass and brushy coves along the nearby shore, which you can only reach easily by small boat at this high level. Wear your PFD and carry a whistle.

BOAT

The only public ramp Game and Fish lists is Parkhurst Landing, so arrive early on nice afternoons. Idle in slowly, because the high water hides brush, posts and old fence lines near shore.

LURE BOX

TOP

Weedless frog or buzzbait over flooded grass for pike. Slip-bobber with a minnow just above the weed tops for perch. Walking bait over shallow points on calm.

MID

Spinnerbait or inline spinner along weed edges. Spoon (silver, gold, red-and-white) for roaming pike. Shallow crankbait trolled at dusk for walleye.

BOTTOM

Small jig tipped with a minnow or worm for perch. Jig and minnow along the old creek channel. Spinner rig with a crawler on breaks.