FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Red River Nd area

Red River Nd

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	− Up to 18 mph · open-water chop	~ Rain up to ~20%	− Winter	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **55–57°F**, lows **40–44°F**, rain chance up to **~20%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

56° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 9–13 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:31 AM / 4:51 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	44°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	SSE 12–17 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:32 AM / 4:50 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

57° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSE 13–18 mph
RAIN	~20%
SUN	7:34 AM / 4:49 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:31 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 ~45°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a river (10-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

No dated forage report covers this exact window, so treat this as the seasonal most-likely menu a

ALSO BITING

Channel catfish and walleye share Red River stretches with bass, and northern pike hold near slack pockets. 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.

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by the operator 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
Fargo 4Th Street South Dam	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: observed flow at USGS 05054000 (Red River Of The North At Fargo, Nd) 634 cfs (Mon 3:15 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	Confirm length limits, creel limits, and any special rules on the live NDGF fishing page before you keep fish.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start from the NDGF / municipal public boat ramps on the Red River of the North (ND shore) and fish public shoreline within walking distance of the ramp lot — not the launch lanes themselves.

KAYAK

Launch at the NDGF / municipal public boat ramps on the Red River of the North (ND shore), then stay in the near-shore eddies and rock circuit so you are not fighting current and chop all day.

BOAT

Trailer in at the NDGF / municipal public boat ramps on the Red River of the North (ND shore) and idle out until you are clear of the ramp pocket. Run lee banks and seams at first light with a squarebill, spinnerbait, or walking bait, then shift to windward structure once the breeze eases.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (shad) for schooling fish on calm edges. Buzzbait along lee weed and riprap in the chop. Popper in quiet early-morning 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 and seams. Green-pumpkin jig along riprap and wood. Texas-rigged stick worm in quieter pockets.