Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Alum Creek area

Alum Creek

Ohio

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

9/10

Strong odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 3–6 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–58°F**, lows **32–35°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

50° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	W 0–3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:18 AM / 5:14 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

54° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 0–3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:19 AM / 5:13 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

58° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 2–6 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:20 AM / 5:13 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:18 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.

Basis: estimated water ~56°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 2 nearby USGS lake gauges; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: Most likely menu: gizzard shad and bluegill around timber and creek arms.

ALSO BITING

Hybrid striped bass. When birds work open-water shad on the channel swing, keep a fluke or spoon ready without abandoning the largemouth timber plan.

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 LRH 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
Alum Creek Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE LRH for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 885.94 ft (Mon 3:45 AM CT)	USACE LRH
Clarity	Light wind and clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start on the Cheshire Road shoreline in Alum Creek State Park and the riprap around the Africa Road ramp once the sun is on the water; the cold start makes mid-morning better than first light. Riprap corners, isolated laydowns, and shady pockets beat long featureless banks.

KAYAK

Launch at the Cheshire Road or Africa Road ODNR ramps and work the standing timber in the Cheshire arm and protected creek pockets. The light north breeze and the calm make this an easy kayak window; you can reach timber edges without fighting chop. Soft plastics around wood and a light jig on clearer pockets cover most of it.

BOAT

Launch at Cheshire Road or Africa Road and graph the creek-channel swings and standing timber edges. Once the sun warms the shallows, run a chatterbait or spinnerbait along wood, then pitch a jig or creature bait into the thicker timber. On calm, slow down and fish the deeper side of the timber with a Ned or shaky head.

LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbaits and walking baits over calm timber edges at slick dawn. Best on calm at first light and in the late-day chop.

MID

Chatterbaits, spinnerbaits, and soft swimbaits along wood and riprap; match bait size on the graph. Strongest when the southwest breeze ripples a windward bank.

BOTTOM

Jigs and creature baits in timber; Ned or shaky on clearer channel edges once pressured. The main bait once the cold start or the calm sun slows the chase.