Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Clear Fork area

Clear Fork

Ohio

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 5–7 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **48–57°F**, lows **32–37°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

48° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	W 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:18 AM / 5:11 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	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SW 2–6 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:19 AM / 5:11 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

57° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SW 3–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:20 AM / 5:10 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: W → SW · 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: 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 ~53°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 2 nearby

NATURAL FORAGE

Cool nights keep dawn honest on rock; bright sun pushes fish to deeper transitions and shade.
What's on the menu: Bluegill and baitfish on rock and gravel.

ALSO BITING

Clearer rock banks can hold smallmouth — tubes and light jigs. Confirm ODNR regs live.

PRESSURE

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

USGS lake gauges; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

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
Clear Fork Reservoir near Lexington OH	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18	the operator
Clarity	Rock points, gravel transitions, and quiet coves carry the fall pattern on this clear water-supply lake.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Use the public shoreline at the Clear Fork Reservoir access areas run by the City of Mansfield where posted open. Tubes and soft plastics on rock are the main tools, and long casts matter in clear water. The cold start makes late morning better than dawn.

KAYAK

Launch at a public Clear Fork Reservoir ramp and fish the quiet coves where clear water favors finesse. The light north breeze and the calm make this a good kayak window. Ned rigs and small tubes around rock and gravel catch fish; keep casts long because the water is clear.

BOAT

Launch at a public Clear Fork Reservoir ramp and fish rock and gravel transitions. Once the sun warms the shallows, run a spinnerbait on points, then switch to a drop-shot or shaky head on clear rock as fish slide deeper. On calm, fish slower and longer.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walkers on calm rock at slick dawn — clear water wants quiet entries. Best on calm at first light and in the late-day chop.

MID

Spinnerbaits, small crankbaits, and soft swimbaits on rock transitions. Strongest when the southwest breeze ripples a windward bank.

BOTTOM

Tubes, Ned rigs, dropshots, and shaky heads once sun and pressure climb. The main bait once the cold start or the calm sun slows the chase.