Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Hoover area

# Hoover

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

**9**/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| + Mostly stable | + No lightning | + 3–5 mph usable ripple | + Clear / sunny (~0%) | + Fall transition | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–59°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

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|---|---|
| LOW | 32°F |
| SKY | Mostly Sunny |
| WIND | W 0–3 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 7:17 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

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|---|---|
| LOW | 32°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | S 0–3 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 7:18 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

**59°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 35°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | S 1–5 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 7:20 AM / 5:12 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 (7:17 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: water 56°F — USGS lake gauge 03228400 (Hoover Reservoir At Central College Oh, 0 km), 24-h mean to Mon 4:45 AM; air record trending falling

### NATURAL FORAGE

**What's on the menu: Gizzard shad and bluegill in arms and on points. Birds tipping shad are the hybrid cue.**

### ALSO BITING

**Hybrid striped bass. When birds work open-water shad, keep a fluke or spoon ready without abandoning the largemouth arm 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 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Hoover Reservoir at Central College OH | No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18<br>Observed: pool 889.86 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT) | the operator |
| Clarity | Light wind and clear water. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

Fish the City of Columbus park banks and posted fishing areas around Hoover Reservoir, including the park area below Hoover Dam, once the sun is up; Columbus posts which banks are open to fishing. The cold, possibly foggy start makes mid-morning better.

### KAYAK

Put in at a public Hoover Reservoir ramp and stay in the protected creek arms. The light north breeze and the calm make the arms easy to fish. Soft plastics around wood and docks, plus a light jig, cover it.

### BOAT

Launch at a public Hoover Reservoir ramp and fish the creek arms and main-lake points. Hoover has a posted horsepower limit, so plan shorter runs. Once the sun warms the shallows, throw a chatterbait or spinnerbait along wood, then pitch a jig or soft plastic as fish slide deeper.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

Buzzbaits and walkers over calm arm edges at dawn. Best on calm at first light and in the late-day chop.

### MID

Chatterbaits, spinnerbaits, and soft swimbaits on wood and riprap. Strongest when the southwest breeze ripples a windward bank.

### BOTTOM

Jigs and creatures in timber; Ned or shaky on clearer points once pressured. The main bait once the cold start or the calm sun slows the chase.