Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Ohio River — Meldahl / Greenup area

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	~ Flat calm	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **55–64°F**, lows **33–37°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

55° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:20 AM / 5:22 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

59° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Widespread Fog then Sunny
WIND	E 1 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:21 AM / 5:21 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

64° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SE 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:22 AM / 5:21 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: → E → SE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:20 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 **Smallmouth plan: Cover rock flats and points 5-20 ft as fish feed up; jerkbait, swimbait and blade bait at a moderate-to-fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Smallmouth are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~55°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

What's on the menu: Most likely menu: gobies, shad, and crayfish on rock and seams.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth · spotted bass. Backwaters and slower edges for largemouth; spots on rock — confirm ODNR / reciprocal regs live.

PRESSURE

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

DAM & WATER — CONFIRM BEFORE YOU LAUNCH

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No shared generation/level feed this cycle — check the agency page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Clarity	Wear the PFD, run lights in low visibility, and never anchor in the channel.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Ohio-shore bank access is limited, so use public parks and legal fishing spots near the Capt. Anthony Meldahl Locks and Dam corridor, with Greenup as the alternate pool. Soft plastics and small crankbaits on rock work when it is safe to stand.

KAYAK

Kayak only in protected backwaters off the main river; current below the locks is dangerous. Light wind all week make the backwaters pleasant, but fog morning can hide tows and other boats, so wait until it lifts. Soft plastics in slack water catch fish.

BOAT

Launch at an Ohio-shore ramp near Meldahl, with Greenup as the alternate, and fish current seams, wing dams, and rock outside the restricted lock water. Once the light is good, a small crankbait or tube on rock finds active smallmouth; midday, follow current seams where bait holds.

LURE BOX

TOP

Limited topwater on slick backwater edges at dawn — main-stem story is mid/bottom. Best on calm at first light and in the late-day chop.

MID

Small crankbaits, soft jerkbaits, and swimbaits on current seams. Strongest when the southwest breeze ripples a windward bank.

BOTTOM

Tubes, jigs, and Ned heads on rock and wing-dam edges. The main bait once the cold start or the calm sun slows the chase.