FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Cottage Grove · Dorena area

Cottage Grove · Dorena

Oregon
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Pacific Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 2–5 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~80%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–55°F**, lows **31–36°F**, rain chance up to **~80%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

54° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Chance Rain Showers
WIND	S 2 mph
RAIN	~43%
SUN	7:07 AM / 4:45 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	36°F
SKY	Partly Sunny then Chance Light Rain
WIND	SSE 5 mph
RAIN	~80%
SUN	7:08 AM / 4:45 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

51° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Light Rain Likely
WIND	S 2 mph
RAIN	~58%
SUN	7:10 AM / 4:44 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:07 AM PST) → ~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); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending rising

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: We do not have a dated forage report for this window.

ALSO BITING

Smallmouth · Dorena rock. Dorena's riprap and points still produce smallmouth when largemouth pause.

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 NWDP 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
Dorena Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDP for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 770.15 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 122 cfs (Mon 4:15 AM CT)	USACE NWDP
Cottage Grove Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDP for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 749.67 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 38 cfs (Mon 4:15 AM CT)	USACE NWDP
Permit / regs	Start along the day-use shoreline at Lakeside Park on Cottage Grove before picnic traffic, then walk Wilson Creek Park and the bank at Baker Bay Park on Dorena, where timber and rock still come close to shore.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bring a light layer for the cool dawn. Start along the day-use shoreline at Lakeside Park on Cottage Grove before picnic traffic, then walk Wilson Creek Park and the bank at Baker Bay Park on Dorena, where timber and rock still come close to shore.

KAYAK

Launch at Wilson Creek or Lakeside Park for short paddles into Cottage Grove coves, or at Baker Bay for Dorena's Row River arms without long open-water crossings. Soft breeze makes it easy to hold on an outer timber edge and work a swim jig or squarebill slowly. Try a soft stickbait around bluegill pockets when fish are quiet.

BOAT

Launch at Lakeside Park on Cottage Grove or the Baker Bay Park marina and ramp on Dorena. Call Lane County Parks if ramp ends looked shallow last trip. Idle carefully in any leftover morning haze, then fish a frog or walking bait along wood edges in the first hour.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small frog in black or white over wood and pad remnants. Buzzbait along shaded timber at dawn. Walking bait on calm, slick mornings.

MID

3/8 oz swim jig in green pumpkin or bluegill. Squarebill crankbait along wood and grass holes. Spinnerbait in white or chartreuse for low light.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged creature bait in timber holes. Punch rig or flipping jig in thicker cover. Ned rig or light tube on Dorena rock.