FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Crane Prairie Reservoir area

Crane Prairie Reservoir

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 5–10 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~72%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **37–40°F**, lows **27–31°F**, rain chance up to **~72%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

39° F high

LOW	27°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance Rain And Snow
WIND	W 0–5 mph
RAIN	~20%
SUN	7:02 AM / 4:40 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

40° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 1–5 mph
RAIN	~71%
SUN	7:03 AM / 4:39 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

37° F high

LOW	27°F
SKY	Light Snow Likely
WIND	S 2–10 mph
RAIN	~72%
SUN	7:05 AM / 4:38 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: W → S · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:02 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 **Trout plan: Target inflows and shoreline drop-offs as water cools; spoons, spinners and streamers, moderate.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

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

Basis: estimated water ~50°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. Most likely, leeches, chironomids, and other insects make up most of the menu this time of year.

ALSO BITING

Kokanee · brook trout. Kokanee school in the deeper channels and brook trout hold near the cold creek inlets.

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
Permit / regs	Check before you launch: the ODFW Central Zone fishing report and regulations for season dates and special rules on Crane Prairie, and the Deschutes National Forest pages for campground and launch status.	
Clarity	Light winds all three days mean flat, clear water, so fish will see your line and boat easily.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shore access is best around the Crane Prairie Campground, Rock Creek Campground, and Quinn River Campground day-use areas, where you can reach channel edges from the bank. Expect cool starts near 46 to 47 degrees, so dress in layers.

KAYAK

Launch at Quinn River or Rock Creek and paddle toward the nearest channel mouth. Flooded timber close to the launches gives sheltered water and plenty of targets within a short paddle.

BOAT

Launch at Crane Prairie Resort, Crane Prairie Campground, Rock Creek, Quinn River, or Cow Meadow at the north end. Troll a small leech pattern, wooly bugger, or slim spoon slowly along the channel edges, or anchor near timber and hang a balanced leech or chironomid under an indicator. Kokanee often hold deeper in the old channels.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small dry fly or emerger on rising fish at dawn. Floating minnow twitched along the shoreline at first light.

MID

Small inline spinner cast or trolled along the drop-offs. Slim spoon trolled at mid-depths. Wedding-ring spinner with a worm or corn behind a dodger.

BOTTOM

PowerBait on a sliding-sinker rig. Nightcrawler floated just off the bottom. Balanced leech or chironomid under an indicator.