FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Detroit Lake area

Detroit Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	~ Flat calm	− Rain up to ~85%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **48–51°F**, lows **34–37°F**, rain chance up to **~85%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

49° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Rain Showers Likely
WIND	SW 2 mph
RAIN	~56%
SUN	7:06 AM / 4:39 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

51° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSE 2 mph
RAIN	~85%
SUN	7:08 AM / 4:38 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

48° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Rain And Snow
WIND	E 2 mph
RAIN	~85%
SUN	7:09 AM / 4:37 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: SW → SSE → E · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:06 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 ~54°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, plankton for kokanee, and insects and small fish for trout make up most of the menu this time of year.

ALSO BITING

Stocked rainbow trout. ODFW lists a five-trout and ten-kokanee daily limit in its current report.

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
Detroit Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDP for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,465.21 ft (Mon 4:15 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 2,060 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDP
Permit / regs	Bank anglers can fish from the shoreline at Mongold Day-Use Area and Detroit Lake State Recreation Area.	
Clarity	Light winds all three days mean flat, clear water, so fish will see your line and boat easily.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank anglers can fish from the shoreline at Mongold Day-Use Area and Detroit Lake State Recreation Area. With the water this low, walk carefully on the exposed banks and fish toward the deeper channel. Expect cool starts near 52 to 53 degrees, so dress in layers.

KAYAK

Launch at Mongold Day-Use Area, the only launch currently in the water. Stay close to shore in the main basin and paddle toward the narrowing arms for trout in the morning. Troll a small spinner or wooly bugger slowly behind the kayak along the drop-offs, and use a fish finder if you have one to spot the depth fish are holding .

BOAT

Launch at Mongold, which ODFW lists as the only ramp still in the water. Expect a crowded launch on nice days and plan extra time to get in and out. Troll small hoochies or spinners tipped with corn behind a dodger for kokanee, and use your depth finder to find the school before you set lines.

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.