Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Prineville area

Prineville

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	− Up to 17 mph · open-water chop	− Rain up to ~70%	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **43–45°F**, lows **23–28°F**, rain chance up to **~70%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

45° F high

LOW	24°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	W 2–6 mph
RAIN	~7%
SUN	6:59 AM / 4:35 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

44° F high

LOW	28°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 5 mph
RAIN	~59%
SUN	7:00 AM / 4:34 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

43° F high

LOW	23°F
SKY	Light Snow Likely
WIND	SE 6–17 mph
RAIN	~70%
SUN	7:02 AM / 4:34 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 → SE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:59 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: Slow down: steep points, channel drops and remaining grass just outside the creeks, between the fall flats and the 15-30 ft winter depth; suspending jerkbait with long pauses, jig-and-pig or blade bait crawled down the slope.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the late fall transition — water under the mid-50s, so bass are sliding off the shallow flats toward steeper points and channel drops near their fall feeding areas.

Basis: estimated water ~51°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: Dated hatch reports for this exact window are thin. Most likely forage is crawfish on cliff rock and points, with small baitfish wherever birds tip a school, and panfish or cool-arm brown trout leftovers in quieter backs.

ALSO BITING

Largemouth · brush pockets. Brushy pockets still hold largemouth when rock smallmouth pause.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending rising

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by Bureau of Reclamation 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
Arthur R. Bowman Dam (Prineville Res.)	No generation schedule posted by Bureau of Reclamation for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 3,175.02 ft (Mon 3:45 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 36 cfs (Mon 3:30 AM CT)	Bureau of Reclamation
Permit / regs	Launch at Jasper Point or State Park day-use for short paddles into cliff walls and slides boats rush past, then slide into brushy largemouth pockets with a creature.	
Clarity	Lead with a compact tube or small crank on the stained stone seams, and keep a creature ready for the flooded brush that holds leftover largemouth.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Desert mornings start cold even when the afternoon hits the mid-80s, so pack a shell and water. Work the cliff faces and public rock at Jasper Point from first light, then shift along the Prineville Reservoir State Park shoreline toward brushy pockets when the sun clears the canyon walls.

KAYAK

Launch at Jasper Point or State Park day-use for short paddles into cliff walls and slides boats rush past, then slide into brushy largemouth pockets with a creature. Soft breeze makes it easy to hold on lee rock with a swim jig or tube and work a short stretch thoroughly before moving.

BOAT

Launch at the Jasper Point ramp or the State Park ramp for the shortest runs to cliff slides, rock points, and brush pockets. Idle the first hour on a tube or waking bait along stone edges, then slide to deeper walls and 8 to 18 ft rock with a Ned or light football jig as the sun climbs.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walking bait on calm rock pockets. Spinnerbait along cliff edges at dawn. Compact buzzbait on shaded brush.

MID

Tube in green pumpkin or brown craw. 3/8 oz swim jig in baitfish or craw. Small crankbait along stone walls.

BOTTOM

Ned rig on deeper slides. Light football jig on cliff rock. Drop-shot minnow when fish suspend.