FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Waldo Lake area

Waldo Lake

Oregon
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central 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	—

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	—

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	—

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 (first light CST) → ~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 — statewide median of 24 lake estimates from the observed air record (NOAA ACIS) — no coordinates on file for this lake; 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, insects and small crustaceans make up most of the menu this time of year.

ALSO BITING

Scenery first. Waldo is famous for its clear water and quiet, motor-free paddling.

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 regulations and recent reports for Waldo Lake, and the Willamette National Forest pages for launch and campground status as fall closures begin.	
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 around North Waldo, Islet, and Shadow Bay, and along the Waldo Lake Trail, casting to rocky drop-offs. Expect cool starts near 46 to 47 degrees, so dress in layers.

KAYAK

Launch at Shadow Bay, which is set up for non-motorized boats, or at North Waldo or Islet. The water is so clear that you can see bottom far out, so paddle quietly. 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 North Waldo, Islet, or Shadow Bay. Troll a small spinner or fly slowly along the rocky drop-offs with long, light leaders, and expect to cover a lot of water for a few fish. Check your depth often, and when you find fish, stay at that depth.

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.