Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Beltzville area

Beltzville

Pennsylvania
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Smallmouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 11°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–62°F**, lows **29–34°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

51° F high

LOW	29°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	NW 5–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:50 AM / 4:43 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

TUESDAY NOV 17

57° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	NW 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:51 AM / 4:42 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

62° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:52 AM / 4:41 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: NW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:50 AM EST) → ~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 **Smallmouth plan: Go subsurface and a notch slower: edges of drop-offs, rocky points and bluff ends between the fall flats and the 20-40 ft winter depth; jerkbait with pauses, small jig or hula grub on the bottom, blade bait ripped off the bottom on points.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Smallmouth are in the late fall transition — water in the low-to-mid 50s, so they are staging on drop-off edges, points and bends between their summer spots and the deep wintering holes.

Basis: estimated water ~54°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Nights near 41 degrees will cool the upper water, and smallmouth respond by moving onto rocky points, ledges, and the mouths of coves to feed on baitfish ahead of winter. What's on the menu: We don't have a dated forage report for this window.

ALSO BITING

Walleye · striped bass. Walleye and stripers both use Beltzville's deep, clear water.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE NAP 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
Beltzville Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE NAP for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 628.21 ft (Mon 3:30 AM CT)	USACE NAP
Clarity	On calm, use light line and a Ned rig or drop shot, and stay back from the water's edge to avoid spooking fish in the clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Expect cold, bright mornings near 41 degrees. The shoreline near the Pine Run Boat Launch on the north shore gives you quick access to deep water, and the banks around Preacher's Camp on the south shore reach shallow points. Much of the north shore is also reachable from Pohopoco Drive, but expect a walk.

KAYAK

Launch at the Preacher's Camp ADA kayak launch and paddle into the no-wake water to the east, where powerboats can't run at speed. The near-calm water is perfect for drifting slowly over rocky flats with a drop shot or tube. The light breeze lets you cover water with a jerkbait along the shoreline.

BOAT

Launch at the three-lane Pine Run Boat Launch on the north shore or the two-lane Preacher's Camp launch on the south shore. Work the wind-blown main-lake points with a jerkbait or swimbait from 8 to 20 ft.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (clear or bone) over points. Small popper on calm, shaded banks at dawn. Prop bait along rocky shorelines in light wind.

MID

Suspending jerkbait in natural shad or ghost colors. 3–4" swimbait on a light jighead. Squarebill crankbait on east-end flats Blade bait on deep points during bright afternoons.

BOTTOM

Drop shot with a small minnow-style plastic. Ned rig or tube on rocky transitions. Football jig (green pumpkin or brown) on 15–30 ft breaks.