Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Briar Creek Lake area

Briar Creek Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 1–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–57°F**, lows **28–31°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

50° F high

LOW	28°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	NW 1–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:53 AM / 4:45 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

54° F high

LOW	28°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:54 AM / 4:44 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

57° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 1 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:56 AM / 4:44 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:53 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 **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 ~52°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: We do not have a dated forage report for this window. Most likely, small baitfish and young sunfish and perch are the main meal along the weed edges and points, with crayfish on rocky banks and around wood.

ALSO BITING

Stocked trout. Briar Creek is a Stocked Trout Water open to year-round fishing, with rainbow and golden rainbow trout stocked before the season, during it, and in the fall.

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 — 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	Unpowered boats need a registration or a current launch permit.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Expect cool starts, near 39 to 40 degrees mornings, so dress in layers and plan for the bite to build by mid-morning. The fishing pier and the banks around the PFBC launch on Evansville Road are the best public shore access.

KAYAK

Launch at the PFBC Briar Creek Lake ramp on Evansville Road and paddle the shoreline wood and habitat structures before anyone else is out. The lake is only 51 acres, so every cove is a short paddle away. On the windiest day, stay in protected coves and fish the windward points at the cove mouths.

BOAT

Launch at the single PFBC ramp on the north shore off Evansville Road. Electric motors only at slow, no-wake speed keep the water quiet, so a stealthy approach pays off. Early, work wind-blown points and weed edges with spinnerbaits and squarebills.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait over weed flats on the warmest afternoon. Buzzbait along shady banks at first light. Hollow-body frog over matted weeds.

MID

3/8 oz spinnerbait on wind-blown points. Squarebill crankbait along weed edges and wood. Paddle-tail swimbait for suspended fish.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged creature bait along weed edges. 3/8 oz jig on points and wood. Drop shot on deeper edges.