FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Mauch Chunk Lake area

# Mauch Chunk Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

**8**/10 — Strong odds

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| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| + Mostly stable | + No lightning | + 5–10 mph usable ripple | + Clear / sunny (~0%) | ~ Fall transition | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–59°F**, lows **29–33°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

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|---|---|
| LOW | 29°F |
| SKY | Partly Sunny |
| WIND | NW 5–10 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:51 AM / 4:44 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

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|---|---|
| LOW | 32°F |
| SKY | Mostly Sunny |
| WIND | NW 0–5 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:52 AM / 4:43 PM |

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

### WEDNESDAY NOV 18

**59°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 33°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | NW 0–5 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:53 AM / 4:42 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 (6:51 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 ~54°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

**Bluegill and other panfish are easy targets near the park shoreline. Big Bass rules.**

### 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 | All boats with motors must be registered, and 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. Fish the park shoreline near Launch Ramp A and the picnic areas in Mauch Chunk Lake Park. Points within reach of shore are the best bass spots.

### KAYAK

Launch at Launch Ramp A or the park's second ramp and work the shoreline. At 330 acres, pick one end per trip. On the windiest day, stay in protected coves and fish the windward points at the cove mouths.

### BOAT

Launch at Launch Ramp A or the park's second ramp. Electric motors only at slow, no-wake speed. 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.