FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Pinchot area

Pinchot

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

9/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 3–8 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **56–63°F**, lows **32–33°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

56° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	NW 3–8 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:53 AM / 4:50 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

59° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:54 AM / 4:49 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

63° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 0–3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:56 AM / 4:49 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 (6:53 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: Follow shad into the backs of creeks and flats 1-10 ft; spinnerbait, squarebill and topwater at a fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~57°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Nights in the low 40s will cool the shallow coves, and largemouth respond by grouping up around the healthiest remaining weed, wood, and points to feed on baitfish and small panfish. What's on the menu: We don't have a dated forage report for this window.

ALSO BITING

Hybrid striped bass · walleye. Pinchot's hybrid striped bass often chase bait in open water as the lake cools, so keep a swimbait or spoon ready if you see surface activity.

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	Pinchot Lake is a designated Big Bass Lake, so special size and creel limits apply to all bass; check the live PFBC rules before you keep any fish.	
Clarity	Color match: With a dry week, expect fairly clear water in the main lake and a light stain in the coves.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at the ADA-accessible fishing pads near Boat Launch #2 and the pier in the Quaker Race Day Use Area, then try the shoreline near the Conewago Day Use Area. Fog is possible before dawn, and mornings are cool near 42 degrees, so dress in layers and watch your footing on wet banks.

KAYAK

Pinchot is ideal for paddling. Launch at any of the three park boat launches, which are open 24 hours, and enjoy a lake with no gas motors. The calm, bright water lets you quietly approach shallow wood and weed and make long casts with a weightless soft plastic or small swimbait.

BOAT

Launch at Boat Launch #1, #2, or #3, and plan your day around an electric motor and battery capacity. Work the wind-blown points and the outside weed edge with a spinnerbait, chatterbait, or lipless crankbait from 3 to 10 ft.

LURE BOX

TOP

Hollow-body frog over thinning weed on calm Walking bait (bone or shad) on points Buzzbait along wood at dawn.

MID

Spinnerbait (white or white-chartreuse) on wind-blown banks. Chatterbait along the outer weed edge. Lipless crankbait through thinning grass.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged creature or craw in wood and weed. Jig (green pumpkin or black-blue) on deeper wood. Wacky-rigged stick bait on shallow flats.