Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Shenango area

# Shenango

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

## 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 | + 5–5 mph usable ripple | + Clear / sunny (~4%) | + Fall transition | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

**WEEK** Early-week setup on this water — highs **49–57°F**, lows **27–29°F**, rain chance up to **~4%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

## THREE-DAY WEATHER

### MONDAY NOV 16

**49°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 29°F |
| SKY | Mostly Cloudy |
| WIND | W 5 mph |
| RAIN | ~4% |
| SUN | 7:10 AM / 5:01 PM |

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

### TUESDAY NOV 17

**53°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 27°F |
| SKY | Mostly Sunny |
| WIND | SW 1–5 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 7:12 AM / 5:01 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

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|---|---|
| LOW | 29°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | S 1–5 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 7:13 AM / 5:00 PM |

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

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

## HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

### MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:10 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** **Crappie plan: Fish 8-20 ft brush in creek arms as bait moves in; jig or minnow, moderate pace.**

## BIOLOGY

### BASS STAGE

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

Basis: estimated water ~54°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

**As the water cools, crappie move from summer's scattered, deeper patterns toward brush, wood, and channel edges, where they group up to feed on small baitfish. What's on the menu: We don't have a dated forage report for this window.**

### ALSO BITING

**Walleye · muskellunge. Walleye feed in low light along channel edges and points, especially at dusk under these clear skies.**

### PRESSURE

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

## DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE LRP 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Shenango River Lake | No generation schedule posted by USACE LRP for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18<br>Observed: pool 893.02 ft (Mon 3:45 AM CT) | USACE LRP |
| Clarity | Use white, chartreuse, and pink on crappie jigs in stained water, switch to natural shad and smoke on calm, bright days, and lean on chartreuse and firetiger for walleye. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

Expect a cold start, near 39 degrees morning, so dress in layers. The shoreline near the Mahaney recreation area off Kelly Road and the banks around the Golden Run launch on Lake Road give you walkable access to wood and drop-offs.

### KAYAK

Launch at Golden Run or the Shenango Recreation Area, and stay in the protected coves, when the northwest wind can chop up the open lake. The near-calm water is perfect for holding over brush and dropping a small jig or minnow straight down.

### BOAT

Launch at Mahaney, Golden Run, or the Shenango Recreation Area; the Corps launches are free. Use your electronics to find brush, fallen trees, and channel edges holding crappie, then hover and fish small jigs or minnows straight down. Use the trolling motor to hold position in the wind or anchor upwind of good cover.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

Small walking bait for bass along wood. Shallow-running stickbait for walleye at dusk. Small popper for bass on calm mornings.

### MID

Away from the dam, the middle and upper reaches of the lake are shallower, with more wood, creek mouths, and flats. These areas warm faster on sunny afternoons and draw crappie shallower. The northwest wind stacks bait on wood along the southeast shores; the southwest breeze shifts it to the northeast side.

### BOTTOM

Live minnow under a slip bobber over brush. Jig and minnow for walleye on channel edges. Texas-rigged plastic for bass around wood.