Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Smith & Sayles Reservoir area

# Smith & Sayles Reservoir

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

## BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

**7** /10 — Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ~ 11°F swing | + No lightning | + 6–8 mph usable ripple | + Clear / sunny (~0%) | ~ Fall transition | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

**WEEK** Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–61°F**, lows **29–38°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 | Sunny |
| WIND | NW 3–7 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:37 AM / 4:25 PM |

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

### TUESDAY NOV 17

**55°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 38°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | W 6 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:38 AM / 4:24 PM |

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

### WEDNESDAY NOV 18

**61°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 38°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | W 8 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:39 AM / 4:23 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 (6:37 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 ~53°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

### NATURAL FORAGE

**Smith & Sayles Reservoir largemouth are in fall feeding mode keyed to forage along weed and shoreline cover; the spawn is long over. What's on the menu / natural forage: Golden shiners, juvenile panfish, and small baitfish along the edges.**

### ALSO BITING

**Chain pickerel share the weed edges and get more active as water cools; a spinnerbait or soft jerkbait covers both. Yellow perch and panfish fill mixed bags.**

### 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 | Check RI DEM for seasons and creel before keeping fish. | |
| Clarity | Compact spinnerbait (white/chartreuse) or green-pumpkin chatterbait on the lightly stained, windblown edges. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

Work legal public shoreline at Smith & Sayles Reservoir public ramp (public ramp near Chepachet) without crossing private lawns or docks. At dawn, fan a soft stickbait or compact spinnerbait along the first weed edge with a little stain. Wait on the shallows and slow down with a Texas-rigged creature.

### KAYAK

Launch at Smith & Sayles Reservoir public ramp and start on lee weed and shoreline cover close by. Confirm motor limits and ramp rules on the live RI DEM list. The west breeze is manageable early but builds by midday, so fish the protected side first.

### BOAT

Small craft and shallow-draft boats suit this water best. Launch at Smith & Sayles Reservoir public ramp, spend the first light along weed edges and shoreline cover, then slide to thicker cover as the sun climbs. Confirm motor limits and ramp rules on the live RI DEM list.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

Walking bait in bone or a weedless frog on the calm early surface. Can produce a topwater bite at first light. Leave the topwater rod racked on cold, breezy until the afternoon warm-up.

### MID

Compact spinnerbait (white/chartreuse) or green-pumpkin chatterbait on the lightly stained, windblown edges. Weightless stickbait in watermelon/red flake through cover lanes all three days.

### BOTTOM

Ned rig or small finesse jig on harder bottom once the water clears.