Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Stafford Pond area

# Stafford Pond

Rhode Island
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 | + 6–8 mph usable ripple | + Clear / sunny (~1%) | ~ Fall transition | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–61°F**, lows **31–40°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

## THREE-DAY WEATHER

### MONDAY NOV 16

**51°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 31°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | NW 3–8 mph |
| RAIN | ~1% |
| SUN | 6:34 AM / 4:23 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 | 39°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | W 6 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:35 AM / 4:22 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 | 40°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | W 7 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:36 AM / 4:22 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 (6:34 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 pond (10-day response); no water-temperature

### NATURAL FORAGE

**Stafford Pond bass are in fall feeding mode keyed to forage along rock, gravel points, and scattered weed; the spawn is long over. What's on the menu / natural forage: Golden shiners, juvenile panfish, and small baitfish along the edges are the main menu**

### ALSO BITING

**Largemouth share the weedier coves, and yellow perch and white perch matter for mixed bags. Follow posted shoreline rules and check RI DEM for seasons and creel.**

### 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 | Follow posted shoreline rules and check RI DEM for seasons and creel. | |
| Clarity | Under the 10 HP limit, small boats and kayaks rule; clear water means long casts and quiet approaches pay off. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

Work legal public shoreline at the Tiverton DEM slab ramp (10 HP limit) and the posted public Stafford Pond shoreline, without crossing private lawns or docks. At dawn, fan a soft stickbait or compact spinnerbait along rock, gravel points, and scattered weed with a little stain.

### KAYAK

Launch at the Tiverton DEM ramp and start on lee rock, gravel points, and scattered weed close by. The west breeze is manageable early but builds by midday, so fish the protected side first. The steady northwest wind is the day to stay tight to the north shore and skip the open middle.

### BOAT

Under the 10 HP limit, small boats and kayaks rule; clear water means long casts and quiet approaches pay off. Launch at the Tiverton DEM ramp, spend the first light along rock, gravel points, and scattered weed, then slide to thicker cover and the first drop as the sun climbs.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

Walking bait in bone or a weedless frog along cover on the calm early surface. Can produce a topwater bite at first light before the west breeze builds. Leave the topwater rod in the rack on cold, breezy until the afternoon warm-up.

### MID

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

### BOTTOM

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