Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Cunningham area

# Lake Cunningham

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

**8**/10 — Strong odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| + Mostly stable | + No lightning | + 6–7 mph usable ripple | + Clear / sunny (~0%) | ~ Fall transition · turnover | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **59–66°F**, lows **33–36°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

**59°** F high

| | |
|---|---|
| LOW | 34°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | NE 2–6 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 7:04 AM / 5:23 PM |

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

### TUESDAY NOV 17

**63°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 33°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | NE 3–7 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 7:05 AM / 5:22 PM |

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

### WEDNESDAY NOV 18

**66°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 36°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | NE 3–7 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 7:06 AM / 5:21 PM |

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: NE · Bite window: dawn + last light

## HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

### MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:04 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. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.**

Basis: estimated water ~62°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 2 nearby

### NATURAL FORAGE

**What's on the menu / natural forage: Threadfin and gizzard shad lead wherever birds and surface activity show bait. Crawfish on rock remain a steady bottom option.**

### ALSO BITING

**Crappie, catfish, and panfish fill mixed bags around brush and creek channels as water cools. Confirm seasons and creel on the live SCDNR page before you keep fish.**

### PRESSURE

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

USGS lake gauges; no water-temperature 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 | Weekday traffic is usually light; park fees, permits, or hours may apply. | |
| Clarity | Keep a second rod ready with a swimbait when bait tips along the edges, and give stained pockets an extra cast after any overnight shower pulse before you trailer. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

Start on public shoreline at Lake Cunningham Recreation Facility (SCDNR concrete ramp, 2 lanes, Greenville County) and stay off private docks and yards. The low light is the time to walk a shady point with a walking bait or buzzbait. Pick a bank the wind blows into if it is safe, and throw a spinnerbait or squarebill.

### KAYAK

Launch at Lake Cunningham Recreation Facility and keep paddles short to points and creek mouths. If there is fog, stay close to shore, carry a light, and listen for boats. The light wind decides your day — fish protected pockets instead of crossing open water.

### BOAT

Launch at Lake Cunningham Recreation Facility and spend the first hour on topwater or a waking bait along points and bait slicks, then work rock and brush with a jerkbait or football jig. Fish wind-blown points only where conditions allow;, pick apart dock shade and brush. Give kayaks plenty of room at the ramp.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

Walking bait or buzzbait in bone or chrome on slick dawn points when bait is dimpling. Popper around dock shade. Keep a waking swimbait ready whenever birds or surfacing bait show.

### MID

Spinnerbait and chatterbait in white/chartreuse or shad tones on wind-blown banks. Squarebill on shallow wood and rock. Jerkbait in natural shad colors on clearer main-lake rock once the sun is up.

### BOTTOM

Football jig or creature bait in green pumpkin on rock and brush. Texas-rigged stickbait for brush and dock posts. Drop shot or Ned for tough midday spells under full sun.