Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Goose Creek Reservoir area

Goose Creek Reservoir

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 9–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **62–72°F**, lows **42–51°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

62° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	NE 5–9 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:51 AM / 5:18 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

TUESDAY NOV 17

67° F high

LOW	44°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	NE 7–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:52 AM / 5:17 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

72° F high

LOW	51°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:53 AM / 5:17 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:51 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 ~66°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

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.

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 John R. Bettis ramp (SCDNR John R. Bettis concrete ramp, 2 lanes, Berkeley County) and stay off private docks and yards.

KAYAK

Launch at John R. Bettis ramp and keep paddles short to points and creek mouths. If there is fog, stay close to shore, carry a light, and listen for boats.

BOAT

Launch at John R. Bettis ramp 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.

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.