Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Murray area

Lake Murray

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	+ 7–8 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **59–66°F**, lows **43–48°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	43°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 3–8 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:58 AM / 5:20 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

63° F high

LOW	44°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:59 AM / 5:20 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

66° F high

LOW	48°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:00 AM / 5:19 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 (6:58 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 are the headline wherever birds and surface activity show you bait. Crawfish on rock and points remain a steady bottom option, especially once the sun is high.

ALSO BITING

Striped bass are Murray's calling card when bait balls tighten in cooling water; keep a swimbait or spoon ready on main-lake points and creek mouths. Catfish and crappie matter around brush and creek channels for mixed bags.

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 — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by Dominion Energy South Carolina 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
Saluda Dam (Dominion Energy)	No generation schedule posted by Dominion Energy South Carolina for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 352.16 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed flow at USGS 02168504 (Saluda River Below Lk Murray Dam Nr Columbia, Sc) 2,090 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	Dominion Energy South Carolina
Permit / regs	Start on public shoreline at Dreher Island State Park (park entry fee) or Saluda Shoals Park day-use access, and stay off private docks and yards.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start on public shoreline at Dreher Island State Park (park entry fee) or Saluda Shoals Park day-use access, and stay off private docks and yards. The fog is the time to walk a shadowed point with a walking bait or buzzbait. Pick a bank the northeast wind blows into and throw a spinnerbait or squarebill.

KAYAK

Launch at Dreher Island State Park or a Lexington County public ramp and keep paddles short to creek mouths and secondary points. In fog, stay close to shore, carry a light, and listen for boat traffic. The calm is the best paddle day.

BOAT

Launch at Dreher Island State Park or the large public ramps on the Lexington and Irmo sides to reach main-lake points, humps, and creek mouths where shad pull bass and stripers. Idle slowly in fog.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or buzzbait in bone or chrome on slick dawn points when shad are dimpling, best on calm and foggy. Popper around dock shade. Keep a waking swimbait ready whenever birds show over the main lake.

MID

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

BOTTOM

Football jig or creature bait in green pumpkin or candy craw on 8–18 ft rock transitions. Texas-rigged stickbait for brush and dock posts. Ned rig for tough midday spells on calm, sunny.