Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Wateree area

Lake Wateree

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	+ 5–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **61–69°F**, lows **34–38°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

61° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 1–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:57 AM / 5:18 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

65° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 1–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:58 AM / 5:17 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

69° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:59 AM / 5:17 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 (6:57 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 ~59°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 the menu as they move into creek arms; crawfish on rock and riprap are the steady bottom option. No insect-hatch report is published for this lake, so match the baitfish.

ALSO BITING

Crappie stack on brush and docks as water cools, and catfish and white perch fill mixed bags. 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 — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. Generation schedule and flows below are copied from the operator as posted at the Cast pull — schedules change; re-check the operator page the morning you fish. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Wateree Dam	Mon 11/16: no generation/release scheduled · Tue 11/17: no generation/release scheduled · Wed 11/18: no generation/release scheduled — Duke Energy Lake View Observed: pool 223.30 ft (Mon 11/16)	Duke Energy
Permit / regs	Confirm seasons and creel on the live SCDNR page before you keep fish.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start on public shoreline at Lake Wateree State Park and its shoreline (park fees and hours may apply), 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 Wateree State Park and keep paddles short to creek mouths and secondary points. If there is fog, stay close to shore, carry a light, and listen for boats. The northeast breeze decides your day; fish protected creek arms and drift pocket mouths instead of crossing open water.

BOAT

Wateree's many docks and creek arms reward a boat that moves bank to bank; slow down in the no-wake coves. Launch at Lake Wateree State Park and spend the first hour on topwater or a waking bait along points and bait slicks, then work 8–18 ft rock and brush with a jerkbait or football jig.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or buzzbait in bone or chrome on slick dawn points when bait is dimpling, best on the calmest morning of the window. Popper around dock shade. Keep a waking swimbait ready whenever birds or surfacing bait show over open water.

MID

Spinnerbait and chatterbait in white/chartreuse or shad tones on wind-blown banks. Squarebill on shallow wood and rock. Jerkbait in natural shad or herring colors on clearer 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 and brush. Texas-rigged stickbait for brush and dock posts. Drop shot or Ned rig for tough midday spells under full sun.