FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Angostura Reservoir area

Angostura Reservoir

South Dakota

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Mountain Time · Walleye

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 12°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 35 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~3%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **53–65°F**, lows **30–41°F**, rain chance up to **~3%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

63° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 3–12 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:48 AM / 4:28 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	41°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 6–14 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:49 AM / 4:27 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

53° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 22–35 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	6:50 AM / 4:26 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SW → W · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:48 AM MST) → ~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 **Walleye plan: Fish rock and gravel 10-25 ft at low light; jig and minnow or troll stickbaits, moderate.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Walleye are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~51°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Dated forage reports for this exact window are thin. Most-likely forage is yellow perch, small baitfish, and crayfish on rock and timber edges.

ALSO BITING

Smallmouth bass. Rock points and riprap at first light; Ned rig, tube, or drop-shot on deeper rock once the heat arrives.

PRESSURE

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

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by the operator 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
Angostura Dam	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18	the operator
Confirm	SD GFP Fishing	gfp.sd.gov
Permit / regs	Start on public shoreline and rock at Angostura Recreation Area, including the Cheyenne Point and Horsehead Bay day-use areas, and posted banks along the Sheps Canyon side where SD GFP signs allow.	
Clarity	Clarity is unconfirmed for this window; Angostura often runs clearer in the main basin, so lean natural colors and lighter line.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start on public shoreline and rock at Angostura Recreation Area, including the Cheyenne Point and Horsehead Bay day-use areas, and posted banks along the Sheps Canyon side where SD GFP signs allow. At first light, cast jigs with minnows or plastics along rock points where walleye and smallmouth move shallow.

KAYAK

Launch from Angostura Recreation Area ramps or the Sheps Canyon access at first light and work protected coves, timber edges, and rock points. Heat means water, shade, and sunscreen matter; paddle early and be off the water by mid-afternoon. Light northeast breezes make for easy paddling.

BOAT

Plan: first light–mid-morning MT on rock points, timber edges, and channel breaks; midday graph deeper structure near the dam and along the old Cheyenne channel. Launch options: the Angostura Recreation Area marina and ramps and the Sheps Canyon ramp on the west side. Heat favors short dawn and dusk sessions; support longer days.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or popper for smallmouth at first light along rock; skip topwater once heat arrives.

MID

Shad- and perch-profile cranks along rock transitions; blade baits on breaks as fish group up.

BOTTOM

Jig + minnow or plastic on points and timber; drop-shot or Ned rig for smallmouth on deeper rock; live-bait rig on breaks at midday. Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed. Natural / perch / smoke on clearer main-basin water; brighter chartreuse only in stained river-arm water.