FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Francis Case area

Lake Francis Case

South Dakota
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central Time · Walleye

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 30 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **58–67°F**, lows **37–47°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

60° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 15–20 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:30 AM / 5:10 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

58° F high

LOW	47°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	S 15–30 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:31 AM / 5:09 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

67° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSW 15–25 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:33 AM / 5:09 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: S → SSW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:30 AM CST) → ~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 ~52°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 young-of-year gizzard shad and minnows on mainstem current seams and points, with yellow perch still relevant on rock transitions.

ALSO BITING

Smallmouth bass. Wind-blown rock and riprap after the south wind; hair jig or soft plastic on the same breaks you fish for walleye.

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 USACE Omaha District 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
Fort Randall Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE Omaha District for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,337.64 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 0 cfs (Mon 3:00 AM CT)	USACE Omaha District
Confirm	SD GFP Fishing	gfp.sd.gov
Permit / regs	Start on public walks and riprap at Platte Creek Recreation Area, the Randall Creek day-use shoreline below Pickstown, and posted public banks in the Snatch Creek / North Point corridor where USACE and SD GFP signs allow.	
Clarity	Clarity is unconfirmed for this window — the wind may stain windward banks, so start natural and darken only if you see color.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

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KAYAK

Are the paddling days — favor protected embayments and lee rock transitions in the Platte Creek and Randall Creek arms, launching from those recreation-area ramps at first light. Stay out of the main-channel current when Fort Randall is releasing heavily, anchor lightly on points, wear the PFD, and bring layers for low-50s dawns.

BOAT

Plan: first light–late morning CT on points, channel swings, and current seams; midday graph bait on breaks and slide deeper as the sun climbs. Launch options: Platte Creek, Randall Creek, North Point / Snatch Creek corridor public ramps, or Chamberlain-area ramps for the upper pool.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walker only on calm evenings if bait flickers on the surface — otherwise stay mid/bottom.

MID

Shad-profile cranks and swimbaits on windward breaks and along channel swings; spinner harness + crawler where it still produces.

BOTTOM

Jig + minnow or soft plastic on points and river-channel edges; bottom bouncer with harness along breaks; blade bait or hair jig as nights cool. Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed. Lean natural / chrome / perch on clearer main-lake; darken to chartreuse or orange where the wind stains windward banks.