FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Kampeska area

Lake Kampeska

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 23 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~4%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **52–59°F**, lows **38–43°F**, rain chance up to **~4%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

54° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSW 14–18 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:27 AM / 4:59 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

52° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	S 16–22 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:28 AM / 4:58 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

59° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 18–23 mph
RAIN	~4%
SUN	7:30 AM / 4:57 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:27 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 ~48°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 weed edges.

ALSO BITING

Smallmouth bass. Rock and riprap at first light; tubes, Ned rigs, and drop-shots on deeper rock through sunny afternoons.

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
LAKE KAMPESKA AT WATER PLANT AT WATERTOWN, SD	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,718.81 ft (Mon 3:15 AM CT)	the operator
Confirm	SD GFP Fishing	gfp.sd.gov
Clarity	Clarity is unconfirmed for this window; start natural and add chartreuse after the wind.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at Sandy Shore Recreation Area on the west side, where the public shoreline and rock give bank anglers room to cast. In town, Memorial Park and Stokes-Thomas City Park offer public shore along the south and east sides.

KAYAK

Launch from Sandy Shore Recreation Area or the Watertown launches at Memorial Park and Stokes-Thomas City Park at first light, stay near protected shorelines, and work rock and weed edges. Wear the PFD, dress in layers for dawns in the 40s and low 50s, and head in early if the breeze builds.

BOAT

Plan: first light–mid-morning CT on rock, points, and weed edges; midday graph deeper flats and bait. Launch options: Sandy Shore Recreation Area and the Watertown launches at Memorial Park and Stokes-Thomas City Park. Fish the windward north shore only if you are comfortable in big waves.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or popper for smallmouth along rock at first light on calm mornings; skip topwater on the wind.

MID

Shad-profile cranks along windward rock; spinner harnesses across flats; blade baits on deeper edges.

BOTTOM

Jig + minnow or plastic on rock and points; tube or Ned rig for smallmouth; slip-bobber with leech near weed edges; small jigs for perch. Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed. Natural / perch / smoke on calm days; chartreuse, orange, or firetiger in the stirred-up water.