FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lewis and Clark Lake area

Lewis and Clark Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 25 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~6%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **56–64°F**, lows **41–48°F**, rain chance up to **~6%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

56° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 15–20 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:23 AM / 5:06 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

56° F high

LOW	48°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	S 15–25 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:24 AM / 5:05 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

64° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 20–25 mph
RAIN	~6%
SUN	7:25 AM / 5:04 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:23 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 emerald shiners on points and channel swings, with yellow perch and freshwater drum young on rock.

ALSO BITING

Smallmouth bass. Riprap and rock points in the lower basin; tube or hair jig 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
Gavins Point Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE Omaha District for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,207.94 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 9,000 cfs (Mon 3:00 AM CT)	USACE Omaha District
Confirm	SD GFP Fishing	gfp.sd.gov
Clarity	Clarity is unconfirmed for this window; the upper lake near Springfield runs siltier than the clearer lower basin, so adjust color by area.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start on public riprap at the Gavins Point tailwaters below the dam, the Lewis and Clark Recreation Area shoreline west of Yankton, and the Chief White Crane Recreation Area banks along the river.

KAYAK

Are prime paddling days — launch at first light from Lewis and Clark Recreation Area or the Midway access and work protected coves and lee points along the South Dakota shore. Stay well away from the tailwaters and the dam face where current and turbulence are strong.

BOAT

Plan: first light–late morning CT on points, channel breaks, and riprap; midday graph bait along the old river channel and slide deeper. Launch options: Lewis and Clark Recreation Area marina and ramps, Midway, and the Weigand access on the Nebraska side for north-shore structure. Keep runs short and fish the lee.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walker on calm evenings when white bass push shad along the north shore.

MID

Shad-profile cranks along windward points; blade baits and spinner harnesses on channel breaks.

BOTTOM

Jig + minnow or plastic on points and in the tailwaters; three-way rig or bottom bouncer along the old river channel; hair jig or tube on riprap for smallmouth. Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed. Natural / perch / chrome in the clearer lower basin; chartreuse, orange, or gold in the siltier upper lake and tailwaters.