FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Oahe (SD) area

Lake Oahe (SD)

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 26 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~2%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **58–61°F**, lows **35–43°F**, rain chance up to **~2%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

61° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSE 8–13 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:38 AM / 5:13 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

58° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	SSE 16–23 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:40 AM / 5:12 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

60° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSW 14–26 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	7:41 AM / 5:11 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:38 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 **Largemouth plan: Slow down: steep points, channel drops and remaining grass just outside the creeks, between the fall flats and the 15-30 ft winter depth; suspending jerkbait with long pauses, jig-and-pig or blade bait crawled down the slope.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the late fall transition — water under the mid-50s, so bass are sliding off the shallow flats toward steeper points and channel drops near their fall feeding areas.

Basis: estimated water ~51°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

NATURAL FORAGE

North Dakota Game and Fish notes that forage for walleye on upper Oahe has been in short supply, with many small walleye in poor condition, so fish that find food are feeding hard.

ALSO BITING

Walleye · sauger. The lake's main draw.

PRESSURE

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

response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM 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
Oahe Dam & Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,592.83 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 0 cfs (Mon 3:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

North Dakota Game and Fish lists walk-in shore access at Fort Rice, Hazelton, MacLean Bottoms, Eckroth Bottoms and Beaver Bay, where several trails lead to the shoreline around the bay.

KAYAK

Paddle the mornings, when the wind drops to single digits. Hazelton and North Beaver Bay are listed as usable launches, and Beaver Bay itself gives you a sheltered shoreline to work even though its main ramps are listed unusable.

BOAT

Launch at Hazelton, the Fort Rice low-water ramp or Prairie Knights Marina, and check depth at the end of the ramp before you back down. Idle out, because the old river channel wanders and new bars sit inches under the surface.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walking bait over shallow rock on calm mornings. Popper tight to riprap when smallmouth chase bait at first light. Prop bait along windblown banks afternoon.

MID

Paddle-tail swimbait on a light head (smelt, perch or white) along points. Suspending jerkbait on rock edges as nights cool into the low 40s. Shad-style crankbait trolled along channel breaks for walleye at dusk.

BOTTOM

Tube or football jig (green pumpkin, brown) on rock and gravel. Jig and minnow, or a bottom bouncer with a crawler harness, on river bends. Ned rig or drop-shot on calm, bright Color match: Clarity has not been reported.