FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Shadehill Reservoir

South Dakota

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

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Shadehill Reservoir area

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 28 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~15%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **49–59°F**, lows **28–34°F**, rain chance up to **~15%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

59° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:49 AM / 4:16 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

TUESDAY NOV 17

56° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	SE 2–8 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:51 AM / 4:15 PM

Frame: Cold start — let the sun warm the shallows; the better bite often comes later in the day.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

49° F high

LOW	28°F
SKY	Partly Sunny then Slight Chance Light Rain
WIND	SW 2–28 mph
RAIN	~15%
SUN	6:52 AM / 4:15 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:49 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 ~49°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 and small baitfish on rock and weed edges, plus crayfish on rocky points.

ALSO BITING

Northern pike. Weed edges and points on the calm mornings; spoons, spinnerbaits, and larger swimbaits.

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 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
Shadehill Dam & Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 2,264.76 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 21 cfs (Mon 2:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM
Confirm	SD GFP Fishing	gfp.sd.gov
Permit / regs	Start on public shoreline at Shadehill Recreation Area, including the campground and day-use banks on the north side, and posted access along the Lemmon road corridor where USBR and SD GFP signs allow.	
Clarity	Clarity is unconfirmed for this window; start natural and adjust if you see color.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start on public shoreline at Shadehill Recreation Area, including the campground and day-use banks on the north side, and posted access along the Lemmon road corridor where USBR and SD GFP signs allow. At first light, cast jigs with minnows or small blade baits along rock points; pike cruise weed edges through the morning.

KAYAK

Light winds all week make Shadehill an excellent kayak lake this window. Launch at first light from the Shadehill Recreation Area ramps and work protected coves and rock points near the campground side. With almost no release, there is no current to fight.

BOAT

Plan: first light–mid-morning MT on points, rock transitions, and the old Grand River channel; midday graph bait and fish deeper breaks. Launch options: Shadehill Recreation Area ramps; check that the lower pool still leaves usable concrete. Light winds all week mean easy boat control and long days if you want them.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or spinnerbait for pike and smallmouth along weed edges at first light on the calm mornings.

MID

Perch-profile cranks and spinner harnesses along rock transitions; blade baits on breaks.

BOTTOM

Jig + minnow or plastic on points; live-bait rig or bottom bouncer along the old river channel; Ned rig on rock for smallmouth. Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed. Natural / perch / gold on clearer water; chartreuse or orange if the shallows look stained.