FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Sharpe area

Lake Sharpe

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 (~1%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **57–62°F**, lows **36–45°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. 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	Sunny
WIND	SSE 8–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:35 AM / 5:11 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

57° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	SSE 13–23 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:36 AM / 5:10 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

62° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSW 13–20 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:38 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: SSE → SSW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:35 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 ~51°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 on rock.

ALSO BITING

Shad schools on channel swings and windward points; small cranks and blade baits when birds or surface boils give them away. Smallmouth bass.

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
Big Bend Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE Omaha District for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,420.90 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 61 cfs (Mon 3:00 AM CT)	USACE Omaha District
Confirm	SD GFP Fishing	gfp.sd.gov
Clarity	Clarity is unconfirmed for this window; start natural and darken only if the wind stains the windward banks.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start on public riprap and walks at Farm Island Recreation Area and LaFramboise Island near Pierre, where Oahe release keeps water moving, or the West Bend Recreation Area shoreline on the lower pool.

KAYAK

Are the paddling days — launch at first light from West Bend Recreation Area or the Hipple Lake access and work protected bays and lee points. Near Pierre, the backwaters behind Farm Island offer calmer water with nearby current edges.

BOAT

Plan: first light–late morning CT on points, channel swings, and rock transitions; midday graph bait and white bass schools, then slide deeper on breaks. Launch options: West Bend, Farm Island, DeGrey, and the Fort Thompson corridor public ramps near Big Bend.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walker or popper on calm evenings when white bass push shad to the surface.

MID

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

BOTTOM

Jig + minnow or soft plastic on points and breaks; bottom bouncer with crawler or minnow harness along the old river channel; hair jig on rock for smallmouth. Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed. Lean natural / chrome / perch on clearer main-lake water; darken to chartreuse or orange where the wind colors windward banks.