Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Waubay Lake area

Waubay Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	− Up to 23 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~6%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–57°F**, lows **39–44°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

54° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSW 12–23 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:29 AM / 4:58 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

51° F high

LOW	44°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	S 16–20 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:30 AM / 4:57 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

57° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSW 15–20 mph
RAIN	~6%
SUN	7:31 AM / 4:56 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 (7:29 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 ~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 invertebrates, small baitfish, and young perch along weed edges and soft bottom.

ALSO BITING

Rock and points at first light and dusk; jig + minnow or live-bait rig near weed edges. Northern pike · smallmouth.

PRESSURE

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

DAM & WATER — CONFIRM BEFORE YOU LAUNCH

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No shared generation/level feed this cycle — check the agency page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Confirm	SD GFP Fishing	gfp.sd.gov
Clarity	Clarity is unconfirmed for this window; start natural and adjust if the water looks stained.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at the Waubay city park / public shore and the south-shore public access, where you can reach weed edges and rock from the bank. Small jigs tipped with minnows or waxworms under slip-bobbers are the go-to for perch along weed lines. At first light and dusk, cast jigs and minnows on rock and points for walleye.

KAYAK

Launch from the Waubay public boat ramp or the south-shore public access at first light and work weed edges for perch with small jigs and slip-bobbers. Head in early if the afternoon breeze builds. Carry a small anchor.

BOAT

Plan: first light–mid-morning CT on rock and points for walleye; midday shift to weed edges and soft bottom for perch. Launch options: the Waubay public boat ramp and the south-shore public access. Stay in protected water or wait.

LURE BOX

TOP

Spinnerbait or walking bait for pike along weed edges on the calm mornings; skip topwater on the wind.

MID

Small swimbaits and spinners along weed lines for perch and pike; shad-profile cranks along rock for walleye at dawn.

BOTTOM

Small jig + minnow or waxworm under a slip-bobber for perch; jig + minnow on rock and points for walleye; live-bait rig on deeper edges. Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed. Natural / perch / gold on calm days; chartreuse or pink in stained water or low light.