Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Cherokee–Douglas area

Cherokee–Douglas

Tennessee
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Striper

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

10/10 — Strong odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 0–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **58–64°F**, lows **33–35°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

58° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:11 AM / 5:25 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

62° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:12 AM / 5:25 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

64° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:13 AM / 5:24 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:11 AM EST) → ~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 **Striper / white bass plan: Follow surface schools chasing shad; topwater and swimbait, fast, then spoon when they sound.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Striper / white bass are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~58°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 threadfin and gizzard shad in creek mouths and on main-lake points, with bluegill around docks and crawfish on rock.

ALSO BITING

Crappie · catfish. Douglas crappie on brush and channel edges as the pool drops; catfish on Cherokee and Douglas channel swings at night.

PRESSURE

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

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. Generation schedule and flows below are copied from the operator as posted at the Cast pull — schedules change; re-check the operator page the morning you fish. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Cherokee Dam	Mon 11/16: 1 AM - 4 AM EST 0, 4 AM - 6 AM EST 1, 6 AM - Noon EST 2 or more, Noon - 1 PM EST 1, 1 PM - 6 PM EST 0, 6 PM - 7 PM EST 1, +3 more blocks · Tue 11/17: Midnight - 1 AM EST 0 · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — TVA Observed: pool 1,047.58 ft (5 AM EST); outflow 3,630 cfs (5 AM EST)	TVA
Douglas Dam	Mon 11/16: 1 AM - 2 AM EST 0, 2 AM - 4 AM EST 1, 4 AM - 7 AM EST 0, 7 AM - 8 AM EST 1, 8 AM - Noon EST 2 or more, Noon - 1 PM EST 1, +4 more blocks · Tue 11/17: Midnight - 1 AM EST 0 · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — TVA Observed: pool 961.53 ft (5 AM EST); outflow 0 cfs (5 AM EST)	TVA
Confirm	TWRA Fishing	tn.gov
Confirm	TN eRegulations	eregulations.com
Permit / regs	On Cherokee, fish from Panther Creek State Park shoreline near Morristown or the Cherokee Dam day-use area below the TVA reservation, outside posted restricted water.	
Clarity	Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

On Cherokee, fish from Panther Creek State Park shoreline near Morristown or the Cherokee Dam day-use area below the TVA reservation, outside posted restricted water. On Douglas, the Douglas Dam headwater recreation area gives rocky bank access near deep water — handy on a falling pool.

KAYAK

Cherokee's creek arms near Panther Creek State Park and the German Creek arm give protected paddling with dock and rock cover. On Douglas, the upper Nolichucky and French Broad arms get shallow fast on this falling pool — plan for mud flats near takeouts and stick to channel edges.

BOAT

On Cherokee, launch at Panther Creek State Park or near German Creek and watch for stripers busting shad in low light. On Douglas, launch at Swann's Marina near Dandridge or the Douglas Dam headwater ramp; a falling pool makes some upper ramps short — scout before backing .

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (bone / chrome) at first light; popper on calm dock rows; larger walking bait for Cherokee stripers busting shad.

MID

Mid Squarebill and lipless crank (shad / lime) on points.

BOTTOM

Shaky head or drop-shot (green pumpkin) on deeper points; football jig (brown craw) on channel swings as Douglas falls. Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed. Lean natural shad on clearer lower lakes; lime and darker craw in the upper Nolichucky / Holston arms if stained.