FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Chickamauga–Nickajack area

Chickamauga–Nickajack

Tennessee

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

9/10

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

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **61–67°F**, lows **36–39°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

61° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:16 AM / 5:34 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

64° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:17 AM / 5:34 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

67° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:18 AM / 5:33 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 (7:16 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 **Largemouth plan: Follow shad into the backs of creeks and flats 1-10 ft; spinnerbait, squarebill and topwater at a fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~59°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Dated hatch reports for this exact window are thin. Most-likely forage is threadfin and gizzard shad (creek mouths, grass edges, current seams, dawn schooling), with bluegill and crawfish still relevant on riprap and seawalls.

ALSO BITING

Crappie · catfish. Fall brush / creek channels; cut shad for cats on channel swings when current holds through .

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

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
Chickamauga Dam	Mon 11/16: 1 AM - Midnight EST 1 · Tue 11/17: Midnight - 1 AM EST 1 · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — TVA Observed: pool 676.50 ft (5 AM EST); outflow 23,743 cfs (5 AM EST)	TVA
Nickajack Dam	Mon 11/16: Midnight - 8 AM CST 2 or more, 8 AM - 11 AM CST 0, 11 AM - Midnight CST 2 or more · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — TVA Observed: pool 633.74 ft (4 AM CST); outflow 19,854 cfs (4 AM CST)	TVA
Confirm	TWRA Fishing	tn.gov
Confirm	TN eRegulations	eregulations.com
Permit / regs	Start on Chester Frost Park day-use banks, Booker T.	
Clarity	Clarity is unconfirmed for this Cast window — start with shad profiles and darken only if the backs look stained.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start on Chester Frost Park day-use banks, Booker T. Washington State Park shoreline, Harrison Bay grass edges, or public walks along the Hixson / Dallas Bay corridor where posted. Once afternoons push into the mid-to-upper 80s, slow to a green-pumpkin jig or shaky on visible cover and shade lines.

KAYAK

Favor protected grass pockets in Dallas Bay, Wolftever, and upper Chickamauga creek arms — weekday ski wake still builds after mid-morning on fair sunny days. Launch early, wear a PFD, and skip locking through if you want to stay on one pool.

BOAT

Is the highest-percentage full-day current plan with both dams posted 2+. Launch options: Chester Frost, Harrison Bay, Booker T. Washington, Soddy / Sale Creek public ramps, or Nickajack-side ramps if you want current without mid-lake recreational clutter.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (chrome / bone / white); hollow-body frog (white or black); buzzbait at first light while nights stay cool.

MID

Lipless crank (chrome blue / red shad).

BOTTOM

Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed. Lean shad chrome / white / chartreuse on clearer main-lake; darker craw / junebug if creek backs dirty.