Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Kentucky Lake (TN) area

Kentucky Lake (TN)

Tennessee
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central Time · Crappie

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

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

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **60–66°F**, lows **37–45°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

60° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:30 AM / 4:43 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	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:31 AM / 4:42 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

66° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:32 AM / 4:41 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:30 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 **Crappie plan: Fish 8-20 ft brush in creek arms as bait moves in; jig or minnow, moderate pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Crappie 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 ~58°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Dated forage reports for this exact window are thin. Most-likely forage is threadfin and gizzard shad gathering on points and pocket mouths, with crawfish on riprap and small sunfish in grass.

ALSO BITING

Catfish · white bass. Sauger · smallmouth.

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
Kentucky Dam	Mon 11/16: Midnight - 2 AM CST 1, 2 AM - 3 AM CST 3, 3 AM - Noon CST 4 or more, Noon - 3 PM CST 3, 3 PM - Midnight CST 4 or more · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — TVA Observed: pool 354.81 ft (4 AM CST); outflow 21,067 cfs (4 AM CST)	TVA
Confirm	TWRA Fishing	tn.gov
Confirm	TN eRegulations	eregulations.com
Permit / regs	The TN–KY reciprocal stretch runs north of the US 79 bridge — know your license.	
Clarity	Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at Paris Landing State Park, where riprap and the marina area hold shad and bass at dawn, or the shoreline at Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park near Eva on the lower TN stretch. Work riprap and rocky points with a squarebill or spinnerbait at first light; current pushing past those points makes them productive all day.

KAYAK

Paddle the protected Big Sandy arm and the coves of Birdsong Creek near Camden, where current from Kentucky Dam is minimal and grass and wood hold fish. The open main lake is big water — even a light breeze against the strong current builds chop quickly, so stay inside the embayments.

BOAT

Launch at Paris Landing State Park, Pebble Isle Marina near New Johnsonville, or Birdsong. The TN–KY reciprocal stretch runs north of the US 79 bridge — know your license. Keep several ledge and brush waypoints ready so you can rotate as current changes speed.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait and buzzbait (white / bone) at first light; hollow-body frog on grass and pads in Big Sandy pockets.

MID

Squarebill and medium diving crank (shad / citrus) on current-swept points; swimbait on ledge drops; spinnerbait on riprap.

BOTTOM

10-inch worm and football jig (green pumpkin) on ledges; Carolina rig on channel bends; minnows or 2-inch tube jigs for crappie on brush. Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed. Main lake under strong current usually runs lightly stained — shad and citrus; darker craw in grassy pockets.