Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Middle Cumberland

Tennessee

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central Time · Striper

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Middle Cumberland area

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

9/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ 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 **33–38°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	33°F
SKY	Widespread Frost then Sunny
WIND	NE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:24 AM / 4:37 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

63° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Widespread Frost then Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:25 AM / 4:37 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	38°F
SKY	Widespread Frost then Sunny
WIND	SE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:26 AM / 4:36 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:24 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 **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. 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 forage reports for this exact window are thin. Most-likely forage is threadfin and gizzard shad on points and in creek mouths, with bluegill around docks and crawfish on riprap.

ALSO BITING

Crappie · catfish. Crappie on brush along creek channels; catfish on Old Hickory channel bends and riprap at night.

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
Old Hickory Dam	Mon 11/16: 3 AM - 4 AM CT 25 MW, 4 AM - 7 AM CT 50 MW, 7 AM - 10 AM CT 25 MW, 3 PM - 4 PM CT 25 MW, 4 PM - 8 PM CT 50 MW, 8 PM - 10 PM CT 25 MW · Tue 11/17: 3 AM - 5 AM CT 25 MW, 5 AM - 9 AM CT 50 MW, 9 AM - 10 AM CT 25 MW, 4 PM - 5 PM CT 25 MW, 5 PM - 9 PM CT 50 MW, 9 PM - 10 PM CT 25 MW · Wed 11/18: 475 MWh scheduled (daily total) — USACE Nashville District hydropower schedule	USACE Nashville District
J. Percy Priest Dam	Mon 11/16: no generation/release scheduled · Tue 11/17: 5 AM - 9 AM CT 30 MW · Wed 11/18: 120 MWh scheduled (daily total) — USACE Nashville District hydropower schedule	USACE Nashville District
Confirm	TWRA Fishing	tn.gov
Confirm	TN eRegulations	eregulations.com
Permit / regs	Regs: live-check only — TWRA Fishing · TN eRegulations.	
Clarity	Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

On Old Hickory, fish from Rockland Recreation Area in Hendersonville, the shoreline at Drakes Creek Park, or Bledsoe Creek State Park near Gallatin. On Percy Priest, Seven Points Recreation Area and Long Hunter State Park offer rocky points and bank space.

KAYAK

Paddle the protected arms of Bledsoe Creek and Drakes Creek on Old Hickory, where docks, grass, and wood hold largemouth and boat traffic is lighter. On Percy Priest, the coves near Long Hunter State Park are quiet and rocky. Old Hickory's main channel carries barge traffic and steady flow, so stay in creek arms.

BOAT

Launch at Rockland Recreation Area, Laguardo Recreation Area, or Bledsoe Creek State Park on Old Hickory, or Seven Points on Percy Priest. The fog means slow running at dawn. On Percy Priest, follow birds and surface swirls at first light, then mark bait schools on electronics.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait and buzzbait (white / bone) at first light; hollow-body frog in Old Hickory grass; larger walking bait for Percy Priest stripers.

MID

Squarebill and lipless crank (shad) on points and riprap; swimbait on Old Hickory channel bends; umbrella rig for stripers where legal.

BOTTOM

Shaky head and drop-shot (green pumpkin) on rocky points; jig (brown craw) on docks; small jig or minnow for crappie on brush. Stain / clear match: Clarity unconfirmed. Old Hickory usually runs lightly stained — shad and lime; Percy Priest often clearer — natural colors.