Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Norris area

Norris

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

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	~ Flat calm	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **62–67°F**, lows **32–34°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

62° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:13 AM / 5:26 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

65° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:14 AM / 5:26 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	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:15 AM / 5:25 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:13 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 **Smallmouth plan: Cover rock flats and points 5-20 ft as fish feed up; jerkbait, swimbait and blade bait at a moderate-to-fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Smallmouth are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~57°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 on main-lake points and in creek mouths, with alewife-style open-water bait balls possible deeper and crawfish on chunk rock.

ALSO BITING

Walleye · largemouth. Walleye deep along main-lake flats and humps at low light — soft seasonal language.

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
Norris Dam	Mon 11/16: 1 AM - 5 AM EST 0, 5 AM - 1 PM EST 1, 1 PM - 5 PM EST 0, 5 PM - 11 PM EST 1, 11 PM - Midnight EST 0 · Tue 11/17: Midnight - 1 AM EST 0 · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — TVA Observed: pool 1,001.33 ft (5 AM EST); outflow 479 cfs (5 AM EST)	TVA
Confirm	TWRA Fishing	tn.gov
Confirm	TN eRegulations	eregulations.com
Permit / regs	Start at Norris Dam State Park day-use banks and the shoreline near the dam overlook, Loyston Point Recreation Area on the Clinch side, or Anderson County Park near Andersonville.	
Clarity	Clear water rewards long casts with light fluorocarbon, so stand back from the edge and fan-cast a small walking bait or a tube along shaded rock at dawn.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at Norris Dam State Park day-use banks and the shoreline near the dam overlook, Loyston Point Recreation Area on the Clinch side, or Anderson County Park near Andersonville. Big Ridge State Park also borders a quiet slice of the lake.

KAYAK

Paddle the protected pockets near Loyston Point and the upper creek arms off the Clinch and Powell rivers, where bluff shade lasts longest on bright mornings. Glassy water makes this the best kayak week in a while on Norris, but sound and shadows carry — drift in quietly and make long casts to points and chunk-rock banks.

BOAT

Launch at Loyston Point, Anderson County Park, or ramps near Norris Dam State Park; the Powell River arm offers a second, quieter look. Keep a free-line or umbrella-rig rod ready if birds or surface swirls show. Respect anchored striper boats and idle slowly past houseboat rows and marinas.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or small popper (bone / clear) at first light; larger walking bait or swimbait for surfacing stripers.

MID

Small swimbait or jerkbait (natural shad); spybait or hair jig on calm, clear points; umbrella rig where legal for striper schools.

BOTTOM

Drop-shot and ned rig (green pumpkin / smoke); tube (watermelon) on chunk rock; 3/8 oz football jig (brown) on deeper bluff ends. Stain / clear match: Expect clear highland water. Natural shad, smoke, and green pumpkin on light line; save lime for a stained creek back after a breeze.