Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Reelfoot area

Reelfoot

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10 — Strong odds

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

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **59–66°F**, lows **36–44°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

59° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Areas Of Frost then Sunny
WIND	NE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:35 AM / 4:48 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	38°F
SKY	Areas Of Frost then Sunny
WIND	ESE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:36 AM / 4:48 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	44°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSE 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:37 AM / 4:47 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 → ESE → SSE · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:35 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 ~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 gizzard and threadfin shad, small sunfish, crawfish around cypress, and insects and minnows along pad edges.

ALSO BITING

Channel and blue cats on cut bait along ditches and deeper holes, especially at night. Wildlife · birding.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

WATER BOARD — LAKE CHEAT SHEET

FIXED Natural / small-impoundment water — no generation table. Check access rules and level notes with the managing agency before you go.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Confirm	TWRA Fishing	tn.gov
Confirm	TN eRegulations	eregulations.com
Permit / regs	Regs: live-check only — TWRA Fishing · TN eRegulations.	
Clarity	Stain / clear match: Reelfoot usually runs stained.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at the Reelfoot Lake State Park visitor center area near Tiptonville, where the boardwalk and nearby shoreline put you close to cypress trees, or the spillway area at the south end. In Samburg, public docks and shoreline near the resorts give access to stump rows.

KAYAK

Reelfoot is excellent kayak water on calm days — slip into Kirby Pocket, the edges of Blue Basin, or the cypress near the Reelfoot Lake State Park visitor center, where powerboats slow down. A kayak lets you work tight timber quietly: dip a jig or minnow beside each cypress for crappie, and toss a frog along pad edges for bass.

BOAT

Launch at the Reelfoot Lake State Park ramp near the spillway, at Samburg, or near Blue Basin. Many locals use stump-jumper style boats for good reason. Watch the wind in the open basins, and keep a spotter on the bow when idling new water.

LURE BOX

TOP

Hollow-body frog (black / white) and buzzbait along pads and cypress at first light; small popping bug for bluegill.

MID

Swim jig and spinnerbait (white / lime) along cypress edges; 1/16 oz crappie jig under a float around stumps.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged creature or stick bait (black blue) pitched to cypress knees; live minnows and crickets for crappie and bluegill. Stain / clear match: Reelfoot usually runs stained. Black, blue, lime, and white show up best; bright jig colors for crappie.