Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Tims Ford area

Tims Ford

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

10/10 — Strong odds

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 (~0%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **61–67°F**, lows **32–38°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

61° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:20 AM / 4:38 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	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:21 AM / 4:38 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	38°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ESE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:22 AM / 4:37 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:20 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 **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.

Basis: estimated water ~58°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 in creek mouths and over main-lake points, with crawfish on rocky banks and bluegill around docks.

ALSO BITING

Crappie · sunfish. Crappie on deeper brush and dock shade; bluegill and redear around docks and shallow cover on warm afternoons.

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
Tims Ford Dam	Mon 11/16: Midnight - 5 AM CST 0, 5 AM - 9 AM CST 1, 9 AM - 6 PM CST 0, 6 PM - 10 PM CST 1, 10 PM - Midnight CST 0 · Tue 11/17: schedule not posted yet · Wed 11/18: schedule not posted yet — TVA Observed: pool 882.09 ft (4 AM CST); outflow 240 cfs (4 AM CST)	TVA
Confirm	TWRA Fishing	tn.gov
Confirm	TN eRegulations	eregulations.com
Permit / regs	Start at Tims Ford State Park day-use banks and shoreline trails, the Devil's Step ramp area off Lynchburg Road, or Winchester City Park on the Boiling Fork arm.	
Clarity	The gusty wind is a gift on clear water — fish windblown points with moving baits while the chop lasts.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at Tims Ford State Park day-use banks and shoreline trails, the Devil's Step ramp area off Lynchburg Road, or Winchester City Park on the Boiling Fork arm. The north-northeast wind stacks bait on south-facing banks — fish those first. Stay off posted dam areas and watch park hours.

KAYAK

Protected coves inside Tims Ford State Park and the upper Boiling Fork arm near Winchester City Park are the calmest paddles, especially on gusty. Look glassy, so slide quietly along points and make long casts — clear water spooks fish when a hull drifts too close.

BOAT

Launch at Tims Ford State Park, Devil's Step, or Winchester City Park, and run the Elk River channel to cover water. The gusty wind turns main-lake points into moving-bait water — use it before the calm. Slow down near marinas and swimming areas, and watch for afternoon ski traffic on hot, calm days.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small walking bait (bone / clear) and popper at first light; buzzbait along shaded banks for largemouth.

MID

Jerkbait and small swimbait (natural shad) on windblown points; spinnerbait (white) for largemouth on wind-swept wood.

BOTTOM

Drop-shot and ned rig (green pumpkin / smoke); tube (watermelon) on chunk rock; shaky head on deeper brush. Stain / clear match: Expect clear water on the main lake. Natural and translucent colors on light line; brighter lime only in a stained upper arm.