Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Cooper Lake (Jim Chapman) area

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST — Fair odds

6/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 13°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 5–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~3%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **64–72°F**, lows **40–53°F**, rain chance up to **~3%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

64° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ENE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	6:54 AM / 5:19 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

66° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:55 AM / 5:19 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

72° F high

LOW	53°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SE 5 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:56 AM / 5:18 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:54 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. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~65°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Cool nights pull bait toward South Sulphur arm and related edges, and largemouth bass follow that forage. What's on the menu: fall baitfish and shad where present, with sunfish and crawfish around docks, rocks, and timber.

ALSO BITING

Secondary species and park fishing stay in play around the same access points listed above. Arrive early on sunny days — recreational traffic builds after midmorning even.

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
Permit / regs	Regulations: Confirm current bag and length limits with TPWD before you keep fish, and confirm park day-use fees and any no-wake or closure rules with USACE Cooper Lake / TPWD State Park before you launch.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at Tira Boat Ramp and at Cooper Lake State Park Doctor's Creek, both public access points where you can reach shoreline at first light without blocking the ramps. Fish away from the loading piers and keep courtesy docks clear for trailers.

KAYAK

Launch at Tira Boat Ramp to reach protected water near South Sulphur arm, or use Cooper Lake State Park Doctor's Creek to work Doctor's Creek without fighting the busiest boat traffic. Tira Boat Ramp also puts a kayak into quieter water close to riprap and shade. Paddle edges and dock or timber lines well off any buoyed ski lanes.

BOAT

Launch at Tira Boat Ramp, Cooper Lake State Park Doctor's Creek, or Cooper Lake State Park South Sulphur — public ramps that serve the main arms anglers use this week. Idle clear of ski courses and swim beaches, and confirm which ramps sit in the water before you tow.

LURE BOX

TOP

Topwater & walking baits. Small walking baits. Poppers.

MID

White or chartreuse spinnerbaits. Lipless cranks. Small paddle-tail swimbaits for covering mouths and points when fish are moving with shad or baitfish.

BOTTOM

Texas-rig worms, shaky heads, and jigs in green pumpkin or watermelon around docks, timber, brush, and the first drop. Flip shade lines once the sun is high and the surface bite fades.