Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Sam Rayburn area

Sam Rayburn

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 11°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 5–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~11%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **62–73°F**, lows **47–57°F**, rain chance up to **~11%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

62° F high

LOW	47°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~11%
SUN	6:44 AM / 5:17 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

66° F high

LOW	51°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:44 AM / 5:17 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

73° F high

LOW	57°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	E 5 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:45 AM / 5:16 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 → E · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:44 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 ~68°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

What's on the menu: shad are the main forage, with bluegill and redear sunfish abun

ALSO BITING

Crappie: TPWD calls Rayburn crappie fishing excellent year-round. Outside the spring spawn, crappie concentrate in deeper water around brush piles and creek channels, and jigs and minnows work best.

PRESSURE

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

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 — check the operator page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Sam Rayburn (TWDB)	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 152.53 ft (Sun 11/15); observed outflow (USACE) 0 cfs (Mon 2:00 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	Start at Twin Dikes Park, the Corps park at the east end of the dam off FM 255, where a day-use pass from Recreation.gov gets you shoreline near deep water and rocky points.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at Twin Dikes Park, the Corps park at the east end of the dam off FM 255, where a day-use pass from Recreation.gov gets you shoreline near deep water and rocky points. On the west side, Cassells-Boykin Park near Zavalla, run by Angelina County, has a fishing pier as well as ramps.

KAYAK

Light to moderate breezes make this a workable kayak week if you launch early and stay in protected water. Work grass edges and laydowns with a weightless soft plastic or a small swimbait, and keep a Texas rig ready for brush along creek channels.

BOAT

Launch at Twin Dikes, which has two ramps with eight lanes, or at Cassells-Boykin, Hanks Creek, Monterrey Park, or Jackson Hill, and split the day in three.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or popper in shad colors at first light on points and grass flats. A buzzbait along grass edges and laydowns on cloudy or breezy mornings. A hollow frog over any matted vegetation left in the backs of coves.

MID

Spinnerbaits and crankbaits, which TPWD calls the usual first choices for active fall bass here. A squarebill on shallow points, a lipless crankbait over grass, and a medium-diving crankbait on ledges and channel swings.

BOTTOM

Texas-rig plastic worm in green pumpkin or watermelon red along grass edges and brush. A football jig on humps and ledges. A Carolina rig dragged across points and creek-channel bends when the midday sun pushes fish deeper.