Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Travis area

Lake Travis

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 11°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 5–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~16%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **58–68°F**, lows **45–56°F**, rain chance up to **~16%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

58° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Slight Chance Rain Showers then Partly Sunny
WIND	NNE 5 mph
RAIN	~16%
SUN	6:58 AM / 5:34 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

63° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:58 AM / 5:33 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

68° F high

LOW	56°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	ESE 0–5 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	6:59 AM / 5:33 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:58 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 ~67°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day

NATURAL FORAGE

Fall feeding picks up on shad, and these bass are known for suspending over points and along drop-offs, where a topwater, jerkbait, or shallow spinnerbait can draw them up. What's on the menu: threadfin and gizzard shad, plus sunfish and crawfish along the roc

ALSO BITING

Catfish and stripers: blue catfish dominate the catfish population, with channel and flathead catfish also present. Stinkbait and cut bait work for blues and channels; live bait works best for big flatheads.

PRESSURE

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

response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by Lower Colorado River Authority, 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
Mansfield Dam	No generation schedule posted by Lower Colorado River Authority for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 681.61 ft (Mon 11/16); previous-day release (12 am - Midnight) 2,434 cfs (Sat 11/14)	Lower Colorado River Authority
Travis (TWDB)	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 681.55 ft (Mon 11/16); observed outflow (USACE) 2,385 cfs (Mon 3:00 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	Regulations: all species are managed under statewide rules.	
Clarity	Reading the water: Travis is a deep highland reservoir, up to 190 feet, with rocky banks, steep cliffs, and clear water in the lower lake.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at Travis County's Mansfield Dam Park, which has shoreline fishing near the dam in the deep, clear lower lake. Entrance fees apply at many county and LCRA parks. Pace Bend Park offers miles of rocky shoreline and coves on the main lake.

KAYAK

Launch at Pace Bend Park: Collier Cove is open 24 hours, and Tatum Cove is open from 8 AM to twilight. Stay in the coves and along the shoreline. Paddle the backs of coves and creek arms, where the recent rise has flooded bank vegetation, and throw a weightless soft plastic, a small spinnerbait, or a squarebill into the new cover.

BOAT

Launch at Mansfield Dam Park, a Travis County park with a four-lane, 24-hour ramp and an accessible courtesy dock, or at Arkansas Bend, Sandy Creek, Cypress Creek, or Tom Hughes on the lower lake. Lighted mile-marker buoys help with navigation. On windy, run main-lake points with a Zara Spook or other big topwater.

LURE BOX

TOP

Zara Spooks, Jumping Minnows, and Pop-R's, the topwaters TPWD names for Travis. Throw the big walkers on windy points and the poppers in calm coves.

MID

Suspending jerkbaits and double willowleaf spinnerbaits with metal-flake blades for bass suspended over points and drop-offs. Add a small crankbait for Guadalupe bass on rock.

BOTTOM

Drop shots, shaky heads, and Texas rigs on ledges and rock piles at midday. A live minnow under a cork works in the same spots as a lure.