Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Bear Lake (UT) area

Bear Lake (UT)

Utah
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Mountain Time · Trout

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 13°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 8–14 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~90%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **40–53°F**, lows **31–38°F**, rain chance up to **~90%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

53° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	SSE 3–8 mph
RAIN	~24%
SUN	7:16 AM / 5:03 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

50° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Light Rain
WIND	S 6–10 mph
RAIN	~90%
SUN	7:17 AM / 5:02 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

40° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 1–14 mph
RAIN	~79%
SUN	7:18 AM / 5:01 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SSE → S → SW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:16 AM MST) → ~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 **Trout plan: Target inflows and shoreline drop-offs as water cools; spoons, spinners and streamers, moderate.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Trout are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~48°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: Bonneville cisco, sculpin, whitefish, and other small fish. Cisco-tipped jigs and sculpin flies match it well.

ALSO BITING

Also on this water: Bonneville and Bear Lake whitefish, found only in Bear Lake.

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
BEAR LAKE AT STATE PARK MARINA NR GARDEN CITY, UT	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 5,918.43 ft (Mon 4:15 AM CT)	the operator
Permit / regs	A Utah or Idaho fishing license covers both sides of the lake, and you may use up to two poles on the Utah side; Idaho rules apply to extra poles on the Idaho side.	
Clarity	Bear Lake's clear water makes shallow fish wary by midmorning.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fall shore fishing on the Utah side is about to get good. DWR suggests casting spinners or fly fishing with sculpin or leech patterns off Cisco Beach and the State Park Marina as lake trout move toward shore. The rocky east shore near Cisco Beach drops into deep water quickly, which is why it is a classic fall spot.

KAYAK

Launch from the State Park Marina, First Point, or Cisco Beach and stay close to shore. From a kayak, jig a tube or swimbait near the bottom off rocky points, or slow-troll a jointed minnow lure along the drop-off for cutthroat.

BOAT

Boaters can launch at the State Park Marina in Garden City or at First Point; Cisco Beach and Rainbow Cove are open, but the park recommends four-wheel drive there.

LURE BOX

TOP

Spinners and jointed minnow lures cast from shore at dawn. Sculpin and leech flies off Cisco Beach and the marina.

MID

Bright jointed Rapalas, flatfish, and flasher-and-squid combos trolled at 20 to 100 feet depending on where fish are holding.

BOTTOM

A 1/2- to 1-ounce jig with a 4- to 6-inch tube, twister tail, or swimbait tipped with cisco, bounced on the bottom. White, green, and chartreuse are dependable colors.