FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Johnson Reservoir

Utah

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central Time · Trout

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Johnson Reservoir area

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

4/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 25 mph · unsafe chop	− Rain up to ~89%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **43–53°F**, lows **33–39°F**, rain chance up to **~89%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

52° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	ESE 5 mph
RAIN	~16%
SUN	—

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

53° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Rain Showers
WIND	SE 15–25 mph
RAIN	~89%
SUN	—

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

43° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSW 0–5 mph
RAIN	~14%
SUN	—

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (first light 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 **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 ~49°F — statewide median of 22 lake estimates from the observed air record (NOAA ACIS) — no coordinates on file for this lake; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Cool nights pull bait toward ramp cove and related edges, and rainbow trout 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.

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 Utah DWR before you keep fish, and confirm park day-use fees and any no-wake or closure rules with Public ramp before you launch.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at Johnson Reservoir public ramp and at Ramp-side bank, 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. Carry-in shoreline also gives bank room along riprap and park shoreline.

KAYAK

Launch at Johnson Reservoir public ramp to reach protected water near ramp cove, or use Ramp-side bank to work weed edges without fighting the busiest boat traffic. Johnson Reservoir public 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 Johnson Reservoir public ramp, Ramp-side bank, or Carry-in shoreline — 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. At first light, run ramp cove, weed edges, and inlet for schooling fish on shad.

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.