Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Fairlee area

Lake Fairlee

Vermont
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10 — Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 13°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 2–6 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **43–56°F**, lows **25–30°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

43° F high

LOW	25°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	NW 2–6 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:44 AM / 4:22 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

51° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:45 AM / 4:21 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

56° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	W 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:47 AM / 4:20 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: NW → W · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:44 AM EST) → ~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: Slow down: steep points, channel drops and remaining grass just outside the creeks, between the fall flats and the 15-30 ft winter depth; suspending jerkbait with long pauses, jig-and-pig or blade bait crawled down the slope.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the late fall transition — water under the mid-50s, so bass are sliding off the shallow flats toward steeper points and channel drops near their fall feeding areas.

Basis: estimated water ~49°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 1 nearby

NATURAL FORAGE

What they are eating: Yellow perch, sunfish, and golden shiners along the weed edge, plus crayfish around wood and rock.

ALSO BITING

Yellow perch are a good family option along the weed edge.

PRESSURE

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

USGS lake gauge; no water-temperature 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	Check the live Vermont Fish & Wildlife regulations before you keep fish.	
Clarity	It was low evening, so expect normal fall clarity.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Public shoreline near the Lake Fairlee access area on VT Route 244 puts weeds, wood, and docks within a short walk. Verify posted access and keep the ramp clear. Cast a spinnerbait or swim jig along the weed edge after the showers pass.

KAYAK

Launch from the VT Route 244 access area. Lake Fairlee is small and sheltered, so it is a good kayak lake even on the breezy afternoon. Paddle quietly into the coves and work the weed edge with a swim jig, wacky rig, or Texas-rigged craw.

BOAT

Cover water along the weed edge with a lipless crankbait or spinnerbait once the showers pass. Start late and fish slowly along the deeper weed edge and around wood with a jig or Texas rig. Follow the warm-up shallow in the afternoon and fish docks and green weeds with a squarebill or swim jig.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or popper (bone / shad) on calm dawns. Buzzbait over the last green weeds on cloudy afternoons. Hollow frog in the thickest remaining pads.

MID

Spinnerbait (white / chartreuse) on windy banks. Lipless crankbait ripped through thinning weeds. Squarebill around docks and wood.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged craw or creature bait (green pumpkin). Wacky or Ned rig on the outside weed line. Football or finesse jig on deeper edges.