FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Chickahominy Lake area

Chickahominy Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 2–6 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **57–64°F**, lows **32°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

57° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Widespread Frost then Sunny
WIND	N 1–6 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:49 AM / 4:59 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

60° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	N 0–3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:51 AM / 4:58 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

64° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:52 AM / 4:58 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:49 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: 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 ~59°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

What they are eating: Shad, sunfish, and small baitfish in the grass and around cypress trees.

ALSO BITING

Crappie are moving toward cypress trees and brush and are a good target this time of year. Chain pickerel and bowfin are active in the grass and will hit spinnerbaits and swim jigs.

PRESSURE

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

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 Virginia DWR regulations before you keep fish.	
Clarity	Low inflow; expect clear water and a stable level.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Posted public access along the lake puts cypress trees, wood, and grass within a short walk. Verify fees and posted hours before you go. Cast a walking bait or frog over the grass while the fog lingers, then switch to a wacky rig or Texas rig around wood.

KAYAK

Chickahominy Lake is excellent kayak water, with calm, shallow coves and lots of cover. Launch from a posted public access, and stay close to shore in the fog. Work grass with a frog or swim jig early, then fish cypress trees and stumps with a jig or Texas rig.

BOAT

Wait for the fog to lift enough to run safely, then fish topwater over the grass and around cypress trees. Cover the grass edge with a spinnerbait or swim jig, then slow down around wood. Fish topwater early and work cypress trees and stumps through the afternoon.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait or popper (bone / shad) at first light. Buzzbait along shady banks early. Hollow frog over grass or pads where present.

MID

Spinnerbait (white / chartreuse) on windy points. Squarebill crankbait around docks and wood. Lipless crankbait through shad schools.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged creature bait or worm (green pumpkin). Wacky rig under docks. Jig and craw trailer on wood and rock.