Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Roosevelt area

Lake Roosevelt

Washington
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Pacific Time · Smallmouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

9/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 2–8 mph usable ripple	~ Rain up to ~30%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **44–48°F**, lows **32–36°F**, rain chance up to **~30%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

48° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Mostly Sunny
WIND	SE 2 mph
RAIN	~7%
SUN	7:02 AM / 4:16 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

46° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NW 2 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:03 AM / 4:15 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

44° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Partly Sunny then Slight Chance Light Rain
WIND	NE 5–8 mph
RAIN	~30%
SUN	7:05 AM / 4:14 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:02 AM PST) → ~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 **Smallmouth plan: Go subsurface and a notch slower: edges of drop-offs, rocky points and bluff ends between the fall flats and the 20-40 ft winter depth; jerkbait with pauses, small jig or hula grub on the bottom, blade bait ripped off the bottom on points.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Smallmouth are in the late fall transition — water in the low-to-mid 50s, so they are staging on drop-off edges, points and bends between their summer spots and the deep wintering holes.

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

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: Most-likely menu: baitfish where schools show on the graph, plus crawfish on rock points. No dated forage survey was available, so match baitfish and craw profiles first and let the graph tell you when fish are up.

ALSO BITING

Walleye on the lower lake (Grand Coulee to Little Dalles) allow a daily limit of 16 with no size restriction under the 2026–27 pamphlet. Smallmouth on rock are the best bass side note.

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 rising

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by Bureau of Reclamation 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
Grand Coulee Dam	No generation schedule posted by Bureau of Reclamation for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,283.70 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 66,900 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	Bureau of Reclamation
Permit / regs	Confirm NPS launch fees and AIS self-certification before launch.	
Clarity	Stain / clear match: No clarity report was posted.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Public bank water near Keller Ferry is limited compared with boat graphing — walk safe shoreline rock with a tube or jig when footing is honest, and leave marina docks and private shoreline alone. Spring Canyon and Seven Bays add more public rock if you want a second bank stretch.

KAYAK

Only for skilled paddlers with a wind plan. Wear a PFD and respect open-water fetch on Roosevelt — this is not a beginner weekday paddle when whitecaps show. Launch at Keller Ferry and stay close to protected shoreline rock with a tube or jig.

BOAT

Buy the NPS launch pass, launch at Keller's Ferry Marina, and graph bait on the first break before you burn fuel. Drag a worm harness, blade, or jig for walleye; keep a tube ready for smallmouth on shallow rock. Spring Canyon and Seven Bays are usable backups at this pool (their minimums sit well below 1,286 ft).

LURE BOX

TOP

Blade bait when walleye mark high on the break. Small walker on calm rock for opportunistic smallmouth. Jerkbait on low-light points.

MID

Worm harness behind a bottom bouncer on the first break. Spinnerbait along rock transitions. Soft jerk in baitfish colors when schools show.

BOTTOM

Jig in craw or chartreuse on deeper breaks. Tube on WA-shore rock for smallmouth. Ned rig on points once the sun climbs.