FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Waitts Lake area

# Waitts Lake

Washington
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

**8**/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| + Stable pattern | + No lightning | + 2–6 mph usable ripple | ~ Rain up to ~32% | ~ Fall transition | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **45–48°F**, lows **31–33°F**, rain chance up to **~32%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

## THREE-DAY WEATHER

### MONDAY NOV 16

**48°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 31°F |
| SKY | Patchy Fog then Sunny |
| WIND | SE 2 mph |
| RAIN | ~4% |
| SUN | — |

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

### TUESDAY NOV 17

**46°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 31°F |
| SKY | Patchy Fog then Sunny |
| WIND | NW 2 mph |
| RAIN | ~5% |
| SUN | — |

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

### WEDNESDAY NOV 18

**45°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 33°F |
| SKY | Patchy Fog then Chance Light Rain |
| WIND | N 6 mph |
| RAIN | ~32% |
| SUN | — |

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SE → NW → N · 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 **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 ~53°F — statewide median of 18 lake estimates from the observed air

**NATURAL FORAGE**

**Dawn and dusk are the moving-bait windows; midday fish tighten to shade. Expect fish to slide a little deeper on the brightest midday hours and return shallow as the shadows lengthen.**

**ALSO BITING**

**Crappie and bluegill stack on docks and brush with small jigs. Catfish can show on deeper wood and channel swings.**

**PRESSURE**

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

record (NOAA ACIS) — no coordinates on file for this lake; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending steady

## DAM & WATER — CONFIRM BEFORE YOU LAUNCH

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No shared generation/level feed this cycle — check the agency page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

| ITEM | NOTE | SOURCE |
|---|---|---|
| Permit / regs | Share the ramp courteously when park day-users stack up. | |
| Clarity | Stain / clear match: Expect fair to stained water near the ramp; darker greens and black-blue cover the most likely colors. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

Fish legal shore at WDFW Fish Washington water access: Waitts Lake, concrete ramp, motorized first — the ramp corridor and nearby posted bank give you docks, timber, and weed edges within a short walk. Work a spinnerbait or walking bait along shade at dawn, then a jig or Texas-rigged soft bait once the sun is up.

### KAYAK

Launch at WDFW Fish Washington water access: Waitts Lake, concrete ramp, motorized and paddle the first protected pocket before you commit to open water. Early, slide cover to cover with a spinning rod and a weightless stick bait; later, hug shade with a Ned or jig.

### BOAT

Idle out from WDFW Fish Washington water access: Waitts Lake, concrete ramp, motorized and graph the first docks and grass before you run. Mornings call for a spinnerbait or chatterbait along cover; midday is a pitch-to-shade game with a creature bait or stick bait.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

Walking bait or buzzbait at dawn. Spinnerbait 3/8 oz white/chartreuse along cover. Popper for calm shade.

### MID

Chatterbait with a twin-tail trailer. Squarebill crankbait on riprap and wood. Swim jig green-pumpkin along edges.

### BOTTOM

Texas-rigged stick bait (green pumpkin). Ned rig or shaky head on outside edges. Jig 3/8 oz with a craw trailer.