Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Beech Fork Lake area

# Beech Fork Lake

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

## BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

**7**/10 — Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ~ 11°F swing | + No lightning | ~ Flat calm | + Clear / sunny (~0%) | + Fall transition | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **54–65°F**, lows **29–30°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

**54°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 29°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | NE 1 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 7:11 AM / 5:16 PM |

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

### TUESDAY NOV 17

**59°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 29°F |
| SKY | Mostly Sunny |
| WIND | NE 1 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 7:12 AM / 5:15 PM |

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

### WEDNESDAY NOV 18

**65°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 30°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | 0 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 7:14 AM / 5:15 PM |

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

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

## HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

### MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:11 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.**

Basis: estimated water ~57°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 1 nearby USGS lake gauge; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

### NATURAL FORAGE

**Cool nights push them tight to cover at dawn, and warm afternoons send them into the deepest shade. As the water cools in coming weeks, they will feed more aggressively on shad and bluegill.**

### ALSO BITING

**Saugeye, hybrid striped bass, black crappie, and channel catfish have all been stocked by WV DNR, according to the Corps. Saugeye and crappie should get more active as the water cools, so try a small jig near wood at dawn and dusk.**

### PRESSURE

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

## DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE LRH 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Beech Fork Lake | No generation schedule posted by USACE LRH for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18<br>Observed: pool 590.30 ft (Mon 3:45 AM CT) | USACE LRH |
| Permit / regs | The Corps recreation areas just upstream and downstream of Beech Fork Dam both have universally accessible fishing piers, and Beech Fork State Park offers more shoreline near its campground and day-use areas. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

The Corps recreation areas just upstream and downstream of Beech Fork Dam both have universally accessible fishing piers, and Beech Fork State Park offers more shoreline near its campground and day-use areas. At dawn, toss a buzzbait or weightless soft plastic along wood and weed edges near the piers.

### KAYAK

Beech Fork is one of the best kayak lakes in the region because the 9.9-hp limit keeps wakes small. Launch at the Beech Fork Marina ramp at the damsite or the state park ramp, and paddle into the upper arms, where shallow wood and vegetation hold largemouth.

### BOAT

The Beech Fork Marina launch ramp at the damsite near Lavalette charges $5 a day, and Beech Fork State Park has a ramp near its campground. Remember the 9.9-hp limit: any boat with a larger engine must have its propeller removed. Use a trolling motor or small outboard to work one arm at a time.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

Buzzbait in white or black along wood at fog-lift. Hollow frog over matted vegetation. Popper along weed edges at dusk.

### MID

3/8-oz white spinnerbait along shallow wood. Squarebill in shad or craw on points. Weightless fluke over weed edges.

### BOTTOM

Texas-rigged creature bait in green pumpkin in shade. 3/8-oz jig to laydowns. Wacky-rigged stick bait around wood and vegetation.