Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Bluestone Lake area

Bluestone Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Strong odds

8/10

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 0–3 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–59°F**, lows **31–33°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

51° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	N 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:04 AM / 5:12 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

57° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:05 AM / 5:11 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

59° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	NE 1 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:06 AM / 5:10 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:04 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 ~53°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 1 nearby

NATURAL FORAGE

Cold nights push them tighter to cover at dawn, but they feed hard as baitfish move. Largemouth hold in slower, wooded coves, and hybrid stripers roam the lower lake after shad.

ALSO BITING

Hybrid striped bass and white bass chase shad in the lower lake, so watch for surface activity and carry a spoon or swimbait. Muskellunge also live in the New River and Bluestone, and cooling water is a good time to throw a bucktail along rock edges.

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

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
Bluestone Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE LRH for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,410.55 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE LRH
Permit / regs	Check WV DNR regulations before keeping fish.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bluestone State Park near Hinton gives the easiest legal bank access, with shoreline near the park launches. Below the dam, the Bellepoint Day Use Area on the New River offers more bank water. Work a 3-in tube or Ned rig along rocky banks and current seams, and keep a small spinnerbait ready for dawn.

KAYAK

The Bellepoint Day Use Area below the dam has a boat slide for canoes, kayaks, and jon boats, giving you access to the New River below Bluestone. On the lake, a kayak is a great way to fish the upper New River arm, where you can drift current seams and gravel bars that are hard to reach in a big boat.

BOAT

Launch ramps are at Bluestone Bridge, Bluestone State Park, Bluestone Marina, Bull Falls, and Bertha. Some are too small for larger boats, so check with the Corps before you tow. Bluestone Marina, about 3 miles south of the dam on Route 20, sells fuel and bait.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait in bone along seams in the fog. Popper on calm rocky banks early. Topwater or spoon for hybrids breaking on shad.

MID

Squarebill in craw or shad on gravel bars. Small swimbait along current breaks. Spinnerbait along rocky banks at dawn.

BOTTOM

3-in tube in green pumpkin drifted through seams. Ned rig on rock and ledges. Jig in brown or green pumpkin on main-lake points.