FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Burnsville Lake area

Burnsville Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10 — Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 13°F swing	+ No lightning	~ Flat calm	+ Clear / sunny (~4%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **52–65°F**, lows **26–30°F**, rain chance up to **~4%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

52° F high

LOW	26°F
SKY	Chance Rain Showers then Mostly Cloudy
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~4%
SUN	7:05 AM / 5:08 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

58° F high

LOW	27°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:06 AM / 5:07 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

LOW	30°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:08 AM / 5:06 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:05 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 ~56°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

As water cools, more fish will follow shad toward creek mouths and the upper lake. What's on the menu: Shad in the creek mouths and coves are the main menu, with bluegill around wood and crawfish on gravel as backups.

ALSO BITING

Crappie collect on wood and brush in the coves as water cools, so try a small jig or minnow along submerged laydowns. Channel catfish bite well after high water, especially near the Riffle Run area at 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
Burnsville Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE LRH for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 783.73 ft (Mon 3:30 AM CT)	USACE LRH
Permit / regs	Both charge a day-use fee.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The Riffle Run Day Use Area near the dam has a launch ramp and fishing areas, and the Bulltown Day Use Area farther up the lake has fishing access near the beach. Both charge a day-use fee.

KAYAK

Burnsville's narrow coves are made for a kayak. Launch at the Bulltown Day Use Area and work the upper-lake coves, where wood lines both banks and boat traffic is light. Pitch a 3/8-oz jig or Texas-rigged creature bait to every laydown, and fan-cast a small spinnerbait across cove mouths when shad are moving.

BOAT

Riffle Run Day Use Area near the dam has the main launch ramp, along with the privately operated marina, and Bulltown also has ramps at the day use area and campground. Run a spinnerbait and squarebill down wooded banks at dawn, then flip laydowns and pitch the shade with a jig as the sun climbs.

LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait in white or black along wooded banks at fog-lift. Walking bait in bone near creek mouths at dusk. Popper in the shade of laydowns.

MID

3/8-oz chartreuse-white spinnerbait on wooded points. Shad-color squarebill on gravel banks. Swimbait or fluke over shad near creek mouths.

BOTTOM

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