Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Ohio River — WV pools area

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	~ Flat calm	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **52–60°F**, lows **29–31°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

52° F high

LOW	29°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:11 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

56° F high

LOW	29°F
SKY	Patchy Fog then Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:12 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

60° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:13 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: · 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: 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 ~55°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a river (10-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Smallmouth and spotted bass — Fall smallmouth and spotted bass on the Ohio hold on rock, riprap, and current breaks, feeding on baitfish pushed along by the current. What's on the menu: Shad and other baitfish along current seams and creek mouths are the

ALSO BITING

Sauger begin their fall bite as the river cools, so try a jig and minnow along current breaks and the lower end of the pool. Hybrid striped bass and white bass chase shad near creek mouths and island heads.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

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	Check WV DNR regulations and Ohio River license rules before keeping fish.	
Clarity	Stain / clear match: The river was high and stained last week and should clear as flow drops.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Point Park in downtown Parkersburg is a public Ohio River fishing spot with parking and restrooms, and it is where the sternwheeler leaves for Blennerhassett Island. Cast a squarebill or spinnerbait along the riprap and current seams at dawn, then drag a tube or small jig along the rock as the sun climbs.

KAYAK

The Ohio River Water Trail guide suggests launching from Point Park in Parkersburg to paddle to Blennerhassett Island, where the head of the island creates current seams that hold bass. Corning Park's ramp on Worthington Creek gives you a calmer start toward the Little Kanawha mouth.

BOAT

The WV DNR Ohio River – Belleville public concrete ramp in Wood County, at 523 River Lane just upstream of the dam, and the Corning Park ramps in Parkersburg are your WV-side launches.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait in bone along riprap at fog-lift. Buzzbait along creek-mouth wood early. Popper on calm rocky banks at dusk.

MID

Squarebill in craw or shad on riprap and island heads. Spinnerbait along current seams. Suspending jerkbait on wind-blown rock.

BOTTOM

3-in tube in green pumpkin dragged with the current. Football jig in brown or craw on deeper rock. Ned rig along creek-mouth seams.