Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Plum Orchard Lake area

Plum Orchard Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST — Fair odds

6/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 13°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 2–5 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~1%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **52–65°F**, lows **29–35°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. 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	N 0–5 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	7:06 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

60° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	E 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:07 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

65° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SE 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:08 AM / 5:11 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:06 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 ~54°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 1 nearby

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.

USGS lake gauge; no water-temperature 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	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 Plum Orchard Lake Recreation Area public boat ramp 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. Stay on posted public ground only.

KAYAK

Launch at Plum Orchard Lake Recreation Area public boat ramp 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. Wear a PFD, watch powerboat wakes, and keep clear of marked swim or restricted zones.

BOAT

Idle out from Plum Orchard Lake Recreation Area public boat ramp 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. Respect no-wake and swim areas, and confirm trailer parking before peak midday.

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.