FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Stonewall Jackson Lake area

Stonewall Jackson Lake

West Virginia

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

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 (~5%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–64°F**, lows **28–32°F**, rain chance up to **~5%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

51° F high

LOW	28°F
SKY	Chance Rain Showers then Mostly Cloudy
WIND	N 1 mph
RAIN	~5%
SUN	7:05 AM / 5:07 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	29°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	N 1 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:06 AM / 5:06 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

64° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:07 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: N → · 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

What's on the menu: Shad lead the menu: look for baitfish flicking on calm mornings and sliding into coves as water cools. Bluegill around timber and crawfish on rock are the backup meals.

ALSO BITING

No roster note on file for this water.

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 LRP 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
Stonewall Jackson Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE LRP for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,069.12 ft (Mon 3:15 AM CT)	USACE LRP
Permit / regs	Check WV DNR regulations first.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Walk-in water is best around the Vandalia access area off Skin Creek Road and the Georgetown access area, where timber edges are within casting range. At dawn, fan a squarebill or white spinnerbait parallel to the bank, then slow down with a weightless green-pumpkin stick bait beside laydowns.

KAYAK

Put in at the Glady Fork car-top launch or the Jacksonville launch and paddle into the no-wake timber fields. A kayak slides quietly between trunks that bass boats must idle around, so pitch a 3/8-oz jig or Texas-rigged creature bait to the shade side of each tree. Drift slowly or use a stake-out pole so you do not bump wood.

BOAT

Start by idling timber edges where a creek channel swings close, watching the graph for shad. When you mark bait, run a spinnerbait or swimbait through the treetops before flipping thicker wood.

LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait (white or black) at fog-lift along Jacksonville timber edges. Walking bait in bone or shad over points when bait dimples the surface. Hollow frog around laydowns and any remaining weed edges in the upper arms.

MID

3/8-oz white or chartreuse-white spinnerbait slow-rolled through timber lanes. Shad-color squarebill on secondary points near Georgetown and Vandalia. Soft swimbait or fluke in pearl/shad above schools you mark on the graph.

BOTTOM

3/8-oz green-pumpkin or brown jig pitched to the shade side of trunks. Texas-rigged creature bait or 7-in worm in junebug for midday timber. Carolina rig or football jig on lower-lake points at 8–15 ft.