Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Summersville Lake area

Summersville Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 14°F swing	+ No lightning	~ Flat calm	+ Clear / sunny (~2%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–64°F**, lows **26–34°F**, rain chance up to **~2%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

50° F high

LOW	26°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	N 2 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	7:05 AM / 5:10 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	Mostly Sunny
WIND	NE 1 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:06 AM / 5:09 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	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 2 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:07 AM / 5:09 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 → E · 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: 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

Smallmouth — Fall smallmouth on a clear highland lake are following baitfish along steep rock and ledges. What's on the menu: Small baitfish and shad schools near points and ledges are the main menu, with crawfish on rock as the steady backup.

ALSO BITING

Walleye feed on the same deep ledges at dawn and dusk, so a jig and minnow or blade bait along 20–30 ft breaks can add fish. Largemouth hold in wood and the remaining shallow cover in coves, but those coves are draining.

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
Summersville Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE LRH for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,606.70 ft (Mon 3:45 AM CT)	USACE LRH
Permit / regs	From the bank, the Battle Run Recreation Area gives you the easiest walk to rock and points, with a day-use fee per vehicle.	
Clarity	Summersville's cold, clear water is unforgiving, so wear your PFD and stay near shore on the 40-degree morning.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

From the bank, the Battle Run Recreation Area gives you the easiest walk to rock and points, with a day-use fee per vehicle. Long Point Recreation Area near the marina is another walk-in option. With the lake falling, newly exposed gravel and rock let you reach water that was out of range in summer.

KAYAK

Battle Run has a designated kayak launch, and from there you can reach rocky points and cliff walls within a short paddle. On a falling lake, stay along the main-lake shoreline rather than paddling into draining coves where mud flats can trap you.

BOAT

Long Point is the dependable trailer ramp at this level (closes below 1,580 ft, $5 launch fee), and Battle Run ramp B works down to 1,624 ft. Run the main lake and graph ledges and points that fall into 20–40 ft, looking for bait and suspended fish.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait in bone or clear at fog-lift over points. Small popper along steep rock early and late. Wake bait on calm evenings near the dam end.

MID

Suspending jerkbait in ghost shad on windward points. 3-in swimbait on a light head along ledges. Spybait over suspended fish midday.

BOTTOM

3-in tube in green pumpkin or smoke on rock. Ned rig in natural colors on slack line. Drop shot with a 4-in minnow bait on 20–30 ft ledges.