Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Sutton Lake area

Sutton Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10 — 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 (~5%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–64°F**, lows **27–34°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

50° F high

LOW	27°F
SKY	Chance Rain Showers then Partly Sunny
WIND	N 1 mph
RAIN	~5%
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	29°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:06 AM / 5:08 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	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:07 AM / 5:07 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 near creek mouths and points are the main menu as the water cools, with bluegill around wood a

ALSO BITING

Walleye and muskellunge are the famous catches in the Elk River below the dam, and a low release makes that water easier to fish. Crappie collect on brush and wood as water cools.

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
Sutton Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE LRH for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 905.78 ft (Mon 3:30 AM CT)	USACE LRH
Permit / regs	The Bee Run Day Use Area, South Abutment Day Use Area behind the dam, and the Downstream Area all have fishing platforms, and a day-use fee applies.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The Bee Run Day Use Area, South Abutment Day Use Area behind the dam, and the Downstream Area all have fishing platforms, and a day-use fee applies. At Bee Run, work the riprap and the rocky points near the marina with a squarebill at dawn, then a Texas-rigged creature bait along any wood.

KAYAK

Launch at the Gerald R. Freeman Campground ramps at the head of the lake, then paddle into the narrow upper Elk River arm, where wood and coves are protected from boat traffic. Pitch a jig to laydowns and run a small spinnerbait along shaded banks.

BOAT

The wide concrete ramp at Bee Run, next to Sutton Lake Marina, is the main launch, and Bakers Run and Gerald R. Freeman also have ramps. A day-use launch fee applies.

LURE BOX

TOP

Buzzbait in white along upper-lake laydowns at fog-lift. Walking bait in bone over points when shad flicker. Popper in the shade of overhanging wood.

MID

3/8-oz white spinnerbait along wooded banks. Shad-color squarebill on riprap near Bee Run. Suspending jerkbait on lower-lake points.

BOTTOM

Texas-rigged creature bait in green pumpkin around laydowns. Football jig in brown or green pumpkin on deep rock. Drop shot on lower-lake points at 15–25 ft.