FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Tygart Lake area

Tygart 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 · 13°F swing	+ No lightning	~ Flat calm	~ Rain up to ~21%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–63°F**, lows **30–34°F**, rain chance up to **~21%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

50° F high

LOW	30°F
SKY	Chance Rain Showers then Mostly Cloudy
WIND	N 1 mph
RAIN	~21%
SUN	7:04 AM / 5:04 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	30°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	N 1 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:05 AM / 5:04 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

63° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	0 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:06 AM / 5:03 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 (7:04 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); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Smallmouth — Fall smallmouth on Tygart follow baitfish along steep rock, and the falling lake keeps pushing them deeper. What's on the menu: Small baitfish schools near points and ledges are the main menu, with crawfish on rock as the steady backup.

ALSO BITING

Walleye move up on the same rocky points at dawn and dusk; a jig and minnow or blade bait along ledges is a good bet. Largemouth hold in what's left of the shallow wood and coves.

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
Tygart Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE LRP for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,058.99 ft (Mon 3:15 AM CT)	USACE LRP
Permit / regs	Check WV DNR regulations before keeping fish.	
Clarity	Use natural greens and smoke in clear water; add chartreuse or black-blue up the lake and in low light.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Tygart Lake State Park on the east side gives you the most legal bank access, around the marina and park shoreline. Mind swim-area and park rules. The falling lake exposes rock and gravel points you can walk out , so cast a 3-in tube or Ned rig past the drop and let it fall to bottom on slack line.

KAYAK

Launch from Tygart Lake State Park or the Doe Run Area on the west side if the ramp reaches the water, and stay along the rocky main-lake shoreline. A falling lake leaves mud flats in the backs of coves, so avoid paddling deep into them.

BOAT

Tygart's three developed launches are the two in Tygart Lake State Park near the marina and one at the Doe Run Area of Pleasant Creek WMA. Confirm which ones work at this level before you tow. Run the main lake, graph points and bluff ends falling into 20–40 ft, and look for bait.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait in bone over points at first light. Small popper on calm evenings near steep rock. Wake bait over main-lake points at dusk.

MID

Suspending jerkbait in ghost shad on windward points. 3-in swimbait on a light jighead along bluffs. Small crankbait on rocky points at dawn.

BOTTOM

3-in tube in green pumpkin or smoke on ledges. Ned rig in natural colors on the next ledge down. Drop shot with a 4-in minnow bait at 20–30 ft.