FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Bass Lake (St. Croix Co) area

# Bass Lake (St. Croix Co)

Wisconsin
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

**5**/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| + Mostly stable | + No lightning | − Up to 15 mph · open-water chop | ~ Rain up to ~20% | ~ Fall transition | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–55°F**, lows **37–45°F**, rain chance up to **~20%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

## THREE-DAY WEATHER

### MONDAY NOV 16

**51°** F high

| | |
|---|---|
| LOW | 37°F |
| SKY | Mostly Sunny |
| WIND | SW 10 mph |
| RAIN | ~2% |
| SUN | — |

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

### TUESDAY NOV 17

**53°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 41°F |
| SKY | Mostly Sunny |
| WIND | S 10 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | — |

*Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.*

### WEDNESDAY NOV 18

**55°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 45°F |
| SKY | Partly Sunny |
| WIND | S 15 mph |
| RAIN | ~20% |
| SUN | — |

*Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.*

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SW → S · Bite window: dawn + last light

## HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

### MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (first light CST) → ~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 ~52°F — statewide median of 14 lake estimates from the observed air record (NOAA ACIS) — no

### NATURAL FORAGE

**What's on the menu: bluegill, yellow perch, crayfish and minnows.**

### ALSO BITING

**Bluegill · black crappie. Panfish group along deeper weed edges in fall; a slip bobber or small jig finds them.**

### PRESSURE

Weekday traffic — lighter than the weekend. Fish early, give ramps and swim areas room.

coordinates on file for this lake; 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 | Check the current Wisconsin DNR fishing regulations for Bass Lake before you keep any fish. | |
| Clarity | Suspending jerkbait with long pauses in clear water Texas-rigged creature bait or worm on the deep weed edge. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

The Town of Somerset public landing at 745 153rd Ave. Is the main public spot on Bass Lake, with courtesy docks and 17 parking stalls. Fish only where posted rules allow, and keep the launch lanes and docks clear for boaters.

### KAYAK

Launch at the Town of Somerset landing at 745 153rd Ave. The daily launch and parking fee is $10. Morning starts frosty and calm, so wait for the sun to warm things up.

### BOAT

Launch at the Town of Somerset landing at 745 153rd Ave. Which has two launches, courtesy docks and 17 parking stalls; the fee is $10 a day or $30 a year. Idle the outside weed edge with your electronics and mark points and inside turns where it drops into deeper water.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

Walking bait or popper over weed flats at first light. Hollow-body frog over the last green pads on calm mornings. Topwater usually fades once the sun gets high.

### MID

Spinnerbait or bladed jig along weed edges on windy days. Lipless crankbait ripped through the tops of weeds. Suspending jerkbait with long pauses in clear water.

### BOTTOM

Texas-rigged creature bait or worm on the deep weed edge. Drop-shot or wacky-rigged finesse worm on calm days. Football jig or Ned rig in green pumpkin on hard bottom.