FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Beaver Dam Lake area

Beaver Dam Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10

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

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

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 **Walleye plan: Fish rock and gravel 10-25 ft at low light; jig and minnow or troll stickbaits, moderate.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Walleye are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~52°F — statewide median of 14 lake estimates from the observed air record (NOAA ACIS) — no coordinates on file for this lake; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

As the water cools, they move toward weed edges, rocky areas and wind-blown shorelines to feed on baitfish, especially at dawn, dusk and on windy days. What's on the menu: yellow perch, shiners, young crappie and other small baitfish.

ALSO BITING

Black crappie · white crappie. A 2021 Wisconsin DNR survey found abundant crappie; small jigs and minnows near cover catch them in fall.

PRESSURE

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

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	Wisconsin DNR lists an 18-inch minimum length and a three-fish daily bag for walleye here; check current regulations before you keep any fish.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Beaver Dam Lake has several public parks with shore access. Derge County Park and the Fish Camp landing are good places to start, and the Edgewater, Waterworks and Tahoe Park landings also offer public access near the water. Pick the spot that puts the day's wind in your face, since that's where baitfish and walleye gather.

KAYAK

Launch at Derge County Park, the Fish Camp landing or a city landing near your area of the lake. Morning are the calmest windows. Work weed edges with a jig and minnow, or troll a shallow crankbait slowly along the shoreline in low light.

BOAT

Launch at Derge County Park, the Fish Camp landing or one of the other public ramps. Beaver Dam Lake is shallow throughout, so run carefully, trim up and watch for weeds and shallow spots, especially away from the main basin.

LURE BOX

TOP

Shallow minnow bait cast over weed flats at dusk. Slip bobber with a leech or minnow on calm evenings. Surface action is limited, so focus lower in the water.

MID

Lipless rattle bait ripped through shallow weeds. Shallow-running crankbait trolled along breaks after dark. Swimbait on a light jighead along weed edges.

BOTTOM

Jig tipped with a minnow along the edges of shallow weeds and rock. Live-bait rig with a fathead minnow or nightcrawler. Small jig under a slip bobber for crappie near cover.