FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Butternut Lake (Barron Co) area

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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

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 **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

Northern pike. Pike patrol the green weeds and hit spinnerbaits, spoons and swimbaits, especially on the breeze.

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 Butternut 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

Butternut Lake's two public landings, at the east and west ends of 29th Avenue, are the main public spots on this small lake. Fish only where posted rules allow, and keep the ramps clear for boaters. Because the lake is shallow, bass and panfish can be within casting range of shore.

KAYAK

Launch at either public landing at the east or west end of 29th Avenue. Butternut Lake is small enough to cover in one trip, morning is frosty and calm, so wait for the sun to warm things up.

BOAT

Launch at either 29th Avenue public landing. Butternut Lake is shallow throughout, so idle carefully, trim up and watch for weeds. A smaller boat or one with a trolling motor is best suited to this lake.

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.