FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Castle Rock Lake area

Castle Rock 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
~ 11°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~13%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–57°F**, lows **34–45°F**, rain chance up to **~13%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

51° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 5–9 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	6:55 AM / 4:32 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	38°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:57 AM / 4:32 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

57° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 12–15 mph
RAIN	~13%
SUN	6:58 AM / 4:31 PM

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 (6:55 AM 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 ~51°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

Cold nights are cooling the shallow flats quickly, and fish are sliding from summer wood and weed toward channel edges, deeper breaks and wind-blown rock where baitfish school. What's on the menu: young-of-year yellow perch, shiners and other small baitfish th

ALSO BITING

Bass · crappie. Largemouth and smallmouth feed on shallow wood and rock on warm afternoons.

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 Wisconsin River Power Co. 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
Castle Rock Dam	No generation schedule posted by Wisconsin River Power Co. for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 881.53 ft (2026-11-16T04:22:28 CST); total flow (WEC, observed) 2,204 cfs (2026-11-16T04:22:28 CST)	Wisconsin River Power Co.
Clarity	Stay with natural perch, shiner and white tones on calm, and switch to chartreuse or orange on wind-stained points.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Buckhorn State Park is the best walk-in walleye access on Castle Rock, with shoreline and fishing access along the peninsula between the main lake and the Yellow River arm. Adams County's Castle Rock County Park on the east shore also offers shoreline near its launch.

KAYAK

Launch at Buckhorn State Park or Juneau County's Castle Rock Park and stay in the Yellow River arm and the protected backwaters, where stump edges and channel bends hold walleye without a long open-water crossing. Stumps sit just under the surface in much of the lake, so paddle slowly and keep a hand free.

BOAT

Juneau County's Castle Rock Park, about 12 miles north of Mauston, has the biggest launch on the lake with four lanes, and Adams County's Castle Rock County Park serves the east shore.

LURE BOX

TOP

Shallow minnow-style crankbait twitched over riprap at dusk. Slip bobber with a leech or minnow on wind-blown points. Topwater is a bass bonus, not a walleye plan this week.

MID

Shad- or minnow-profile crankbait trolled along channel breaks. Crawler harness on slow troll while water stays in the 50s or warmer. Blade bait snapped off the bottom after the coldest nights.

BOTTOM

Jig and fathead or shiner minnow, 1/8–1/4 oz, on channel edges. Jig with a 3" paddle-tail in perch or white on sand-to-wood transitions. Lindy-style live-bait rig with a minnow for neutral fish.