FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Chippewa Flowage area

Chippewa Flowage

Wisconsin

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central Time · Muskie

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

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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	7:06 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

53° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:07 AM / 4:31 PM

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	7:09 AM / 4:30 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 (7:06 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 **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 ~50°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: white suckers, yellow perch, crappie and other panfish, plus walleye and small bass that share the same edges. Match that with perch- and sucker-pattern bucktails, gliders and rubber baits.

ALSO BITING

Walleye · crappie. Walleye slide to channel edges and stump flats; a jig and minnow at dusk works.

PRESSURE

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

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	Many anglers here run a live sucker on a quick-strike rig while casting, where regulations allow it.	
Clarity	The flowage's tannin-stained water favors darker and high-contrast colors such as black, orange, firetiger and perch.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank options for muskie are limited, but the public landings give you real shoreline. The Winter Dam landing offers deeper water near the river channel, and the County Road CC North and CC South landings put you on a narrows where moving water draws baitfish.

KAYAK

Launch at Hay Creek or Chief Lake and stay in protected bays and channels where stumps and weed edges hold fish without long open-water crossings. Are the calmer paddle days.

BOAT

The DNR's CC North, CC South, Hay Creek and Winter Dam landings, the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe's Blueberry Flats landing and the Town of Hayward's Chief Lake landing are your launch choices.

LURE BOX

TOP

Prop bait or walking topwater on calm evenings. Surface baits fade after the coldest nights; save them for warm afternoons. Ripping a topwater over bog edges can draw follows at sunset.

MID

Double-10 or single-blade bucktail (black / orange, perch) on weed edges. Glide bait or jerkbait worked slowly for following fish. Large crankbait trolled along breaks on the windy day.

BOTTOM

Soft rubber swimbait or Bulldawg-style bait on rock bars and deeper edges. Live sucker on a quick-strike rig, where legal, beside the boat. Jig with a large paddle-tail for fish holding near deeper breaks.