Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Green Lake area

# Green Lake

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

## BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

**7** /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 | + Clear / sunny (~3%) | + Fall transition | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–57°F**, lows **34–44°F**, rain chance up to **~3%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

## THREE-DAY WEATHER

### MONDAY NOV 16

**51°** F high

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| LOW | 34°F |
| SKY | Mostly Sunny |
| WIND | SW 5–10 mph |
| RAIN | ~1% |
| SUN | 6:51 AM / 4:29 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

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| LOW | 37°F |
| SKY | Mostly Sunny |
| WIND | S 10–15 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 6:52 AM / 4:28 PM |

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

### WEDNESDAY NOV 18

**57°** F high

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| LOW | 44°F |
| SKY | Mostly Sunny |
| WIND | S 10–15 mph |
| RAIN | ~3% |
| SUN | 6:54 AM / 4:28 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 (6:51 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 **Smallmouth plan: Go subsurface and a notch slower: edges of drop-offs, rocky points and bluff ends between the fall flats and the 20-40 ft winter depth; jerkbait with pauses, small jig or hula grub on the bottom, blade bait ripped off the bottom on points.**

## BIOLOGY

### BASS STAGE

**Smallmouth are in the late fall transition — water in the low-to-mid 50s, so they are staging on drop-off edges, points and bends between their summer spots and the deep wintering holes.**

Basis: estimated water ~52°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: crayfish, yellow perch, cisco and other small baitfish. Match that with crayfish-colored tubes and jigs on the bottom and translucent minnow baits higher up.**

### ALSO BITING

**Walleye move shallower at dusk along breaks and points; a jig and minnow or slip bobber with a leech works best. Largemouth · pike · panfish.**

### 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 | Check the current Wisconsin DNR fishing regulations for Green Lake before you keep any fish. | |
| Clarity | Depth, clear water and wind decide where fish sit this week. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

Public parks around Green Lake offer the best shore access. Dodge Memorial County Park on County Road K and Sunset Park on County Road A, which is ADA-accessible, are good places to start. For smallmouth, cast a tube or small swimbait along rocky shorelines and drop-offs at first light and in the last hour before sunset.

### KAYAK

Launch at Sunset Park on County Road A or Dodge Memorial County Park on County Road K; Green Lake County sells a $7 daily launch pass. Morning are the calmest windows. Green Lake is long and deep, so the southwest wind can build real waves on the north shore and east end; stay near the south shore or in sheltered bays.

### BOAT

Launch at Dodge Memorial County Park on County Road K, which has five ramps, or at another of the eight public landings Wisconsin DNR lists. A Green Lake County daily launch pass costs $7. Use your electronics to find rocky points, humps and sharp drop-offs where fall smallmouth group.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

Walking bait over shallow rock and weed flats at first light. Small popper when bass push baitfish up on calm mornings. Topwater fades quickly once the sun is high.

### MID

Suspending jerkbait in a natural perch or shiner color. Small swimbait on a light jighead along weed and rock edges. Spinnerbait or underspin on the wind-blown points.

### BOTTOM

Drop-shot with a small minnow-style bait on deep edges. Tube or Ned rig in green pumpkin on rock and hard bottom. Jig and minnow on breaks for walleye in low light.