FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for High Falls Reservoir area

High Falls Reservoir

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

What's on the menu: yellow perch, shiners, crayfish and other small baitfish. Match that with perch- and crayfish-colored jigs, tubes and crankbaits.

ALSO BITING

Musky · northern pike. Musky and pike patrol weed edges and points in fall; bucktails, spinnerbaits and swimbaits draw strikes.

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 Public Service 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
High Falls Dam	No generation schedule posted by Wisconsin Public Service for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 897.07 ft (2026-11-16T04:22:28 CST); total flow (WEC, observed) 235 cfs (2026-11-16T04:22:28 CST)	Wisconsin Public Service
Permit / regs	Wisconsin DNR walleye rules here include a 15-inch minimum, no fish from 20 to 24 inches, only one over 24 inches, and a three-fish daily bag; check current regulations before you keep any fish.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

High Falls Flowage sits within Governor Earl Peshtigo River State Forest, and the public landings, including Stephenson Park, West Bay Landing #1 and Woods Creek #6, offer the best shore access. For smallmouth, cast a tube or small swimbait along rocky shorelines in the afternoon, when the water warms after frosty mornings.

KAYAK

Launch at a sheltered landing such as Bass Bay #2 or Woods Creek #6. Morning is frosty and calm, so wait for the sun to warm things up. The southwest breeze builds a ripple on northeast-facing shores, so plan a route you can paddle back against the wind, and use the flowage's many protected bays.

BOAT

Launch at one of the eight public landings, such as West Bay Landing #1, Channel #5 or Stephenson Park. Use your electronics to follow the old Peshtigo River channel and fish a jig and minnow or live-bait rig slowly along the edges during the day. For smallmouth, work rocky points with a tube or crankbait in the afternoon.

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

Shallow-running crankbait along rocky shorelines at dusk. Tube or small swimbait for smallmouth on rock and wood. Lipless rattle bait ripped along points and shallow flats.

BOTTOM

Live-bait rig with a nightcrawler or large fathead minnow. Jig tipped with a minnow on main-lake points and breaks. Blade bait snapped off the bottom on deeper edges.