FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Geneva area

Lake Geneva

Wisconsin

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10 — 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 (~1%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–56°F**, lows **34–44°F**, rain chance up to **~1%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

50° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 0–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:46 AM / 4:30 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

55° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SW 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:47 AM / 4:29 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

56° F high

LOW	44°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 10–15 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:48 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 (6:46 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 ~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: yellow perch, cisco, crayfish and small baitfish.

ALSO BITING

Muskie · northern pike. Fall muskie fishing is building, with bucktails and gliders on weed edges.

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 — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by the operator 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
GENEVA LAKE AT LAKE GENEVA, WI	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 864.25 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	the operator
Clarity	How fish should respond: calm, bright days on very clear water push smallmouth to the deeper edge of rock and weedlines and make them line-shy, so lighter line and natural colors matter.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The public Geneva Lake Shore Path circles the lake and gives walk-in access to rocky shoreline, but much of it crosses private lawns, so fish only from public stretches. Big Foot Beach State Park and the Riviera and Flat Iron Park area in downtown Lake Geneva are the easiest public spots.

KAYAK

Launch at the Williams Bay public launch or at Fontana and fish Williams Bay and the west end, where rock, weed edges and drop-offs sit within an easy paddle; the weed edges in Williams Bay also hold largemouth if smallmouth are slow. Are the calmest days for kayaks.

BOAT

Launch at Williams Bay or Fontana and use your electronics on rock humps, points and the deep weedline in the 15–30 foot range, where fall smallmouth group. Drag a tube or football jig on rock, and use a drop-shot for fish holding just off the bottom. Cover wind-blown points along the north shore with a jerkbait or swimbait.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (bone / clear) on calm mornings. Small popper over shallow rock when fish push bait up. Topwater fades once the sun is high on calm days.

MID

Suspending jerkbait (ghost shad / perch) with long pauses. 3–4" swimbait on a light head matching young perch or cisco. Spinnerbait or underspin on the wind-blown points.

BOTTOM

Drop-shot with a 3–4" minnow bait in natural colors. 3" tube or Ned rig (green pumpkin / smoke) on rock. Football jig (brown / green pumpkin) on deeper humps.