FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Pepin area

Lake Pepin

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

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	~ Rain up to ~21%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **54–58°F**, lows **42–49°F**, rain chance up to **~21%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

54° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:06 AM / 4:40 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

TUESDAY NOV 17

56° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:07 AM / 4:39 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

58° F high

LOW	49°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 10–15 mph
RAIN	~21%
SUN	7:09 AM / 4:39 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: 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 **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

Warm days and cooler nights are slowly dropping water temperatures, and fish are spreading between the sand flats, channel edges and rocky shorelines where baitfish school. What's on the menu: gizzard shad, emerald shiners and young-of-year perch.

ALSO BITING

White bass · smallmouth. White bass chase shad on calm mornings; watch for gulls.

PRESSURE

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

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
Clarity	Water clarity on Pepin is usually moderate with some stain.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

The Wisconsin shore has several public parks with walk-up water. Stockholm Village Park and the Pepin marina area give you rock and harbor edges, and Bay City's public shoreline at the upper end sits near the incoming river channel. On the Minnesota side, Lake City's harbor breakwalls are a popular walk-out spot.

KAYAK

Launch at Stockholm or Pepin and stay close to the Wisconsin shore, working rocky points and the Rush River mouth near Maiden Rock. Lake Pepin is about two miles wide in places, and wind running along its length can build big waves quickly, so do not cross the lake in a kayak.

BOAT

Launch at Pepin, Stockholm or Bay City on the Wisconsin side, or at Lake City on the Minnesota side. Troll shad- and minnow-profile crankbaits along the edges of the sand flats in about 8–18 feet, then slow down with a jig and minnow or a three-way rig on channel edges and rock once you find fish.

LURE BOX

TOP

Shallow minnow-style crankbait along riprap at dusk. Slip bobber with a minnow on rocky points at low light. Surface baits are for white bass and smallmouth, not walleye.

MID

Shad-profile crankbait trolled along flat edges in 8–18 feet. Minnow-profile crankbait on lead-core or snap weights. Blade bait snapped near channel edges when fish mark tight.

BOTTOM

Jig and fathead or shiner, 1/4–3/8 oz, on channel edges. Three-way rig with a minnow or floating crankbait in current. Jig with a 3" ringworm or paddle-tail for active fish.