FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Wisconsin area

Lake Wisconsin

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: gizzard shad, shiners, yellow perch and other small baitfish. Match that with shad- and shiner-colored crankbaits and jigs, and live fathead minnows.

ALSO BITING

White bass · crappie. White bass school and chase baitfish in fall; small spinners and jigs catch them, and crappie hold near cover.

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
Permit / regs	Check the current Wisconsin DNR fishing regulations for Lake Wisconsin before you keep any fish.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Lake Wisconsin has several public shore spots. The Moon Valley Public Boat Launch in the Town of Merrimac and the Summer Oaks Boat Landing in Sauk County offer access near the water, and the river below the Prairie du Sac Dam is a popular fall shore-fishing area.

KAYAK

Launch at Moon Valley in the Town of Merrimac, Summer Oaks or another public landing near a sheltered stretch. Morning are the calmest windows. The south wind can make the wide lower lake rough, so stay in the narrower upper sections or sheltered bays.

BOAT

Launch at Moon Valley, Summer Oaks, West Point, O'kee or another of the 15 public ramps Wisconsin DNR lists on the lake. Use your electronics to follow the old river channel, and fish a jig and minnow or three-way rig slowly along the edges during the day. As the light fades, troll shallow crankbaits on flats next to the channel.

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

Lipless rattle bait ripped through shallow weeds. Shallow-running crankbait trolled along breaks after dark. Swimbait on a light jighead along weed edges.

BOTTOM

Jig tipped with a minnow on river channel edges and wing dams. Three-way rig with a minnow or nightcrawler in current. Blade bait snapped off the bottom along deeper breaks.