FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Pewaukee Lake area

Pewaukee Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 11°F swing	+ 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 **34–45°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 / 4:28 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

54° F high

LOW	38°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SW 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:48 AM / 4:28 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	45°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 10–15 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:49 AM / 4:27 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 ~53°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Some hold tight to the remaining green weed edges and rock points, especially in the east basin and along the north shore, while others roam open water in the deeper west basin, following schools of baitfish. What's on the menu: yellow perch, panfish, suckers

ALSO BITING

Largemouth · northern pike. Largemouth and pike share the east-basin weeds, where spinnerbaits, swim jigs and lipless crankbaits draw strikes on green 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 — 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	Buy a Waukesha County lake access permit before you launch at Naga-Waukee Park.	
Clarity	Natural perch and sucker colors are a good start, and brighter blades help in stained water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shore access on Pewaukee is limited because most of the shoreline is private, so stick to the public sites.

KAYAK

Launch at the Village of Pewaukee launch or the Lakeview Boulevard access and work the east basin, where shallow weed flats and edges sit within a short paddle. Is the calmest day for kayaks and the best day to slow-roll a bucktail or twitch a jerkbait along weed edges near the village.

BOAT

Launch at Naga-Waukee Park on the west end, where a Waukesha County lake access daily permit or annual membership is required for each vehicle, or at the Village of Pewaukee launch on the east end.

LURE BOX

TOP

Prop bait or walking topwater at first light and dusk on calm Surface baits along weed edges when bait is up. Topwater usually fades once the sun gets high.

MID

Double-blade bucktail on the wind-blown edges. Jerkbait or glide bait worked slowly on calm days. Large paddle-tail swimbait in perch or sucker colors.

BOTTOM

Soft rubber bait such as a big curl-tail, crawled on deep breaks. Heavy jig-and-plastic dropped along steep west-basin edges. Slow-sinking glide bait for fish suspended over open water.