FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Pike Lake (Washington Co) area

# Pike Lake (Washington Co)

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

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|---|---|
| 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

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|---|---|
| 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

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|---|---|
| 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

**As the water cools, walleye move shallower in low light to feed on baitfish along weed edges and breaks, then drop back deeper during bright, calm days. What's on the menu: yellow perch, shiners and other small baitfish.**

### ALSO BITING

**Largemouth · smallmouth. Bass hold on deeper weed edges and points by day; a Texas-rigged worm, jig or spinnerbait finds them.**

### 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 Pike Lake before you keep any fish. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

For walleye, cast a minnow bait or a jig and minnow from the pier or shore in the last hour before dark, or set a slip bobber with a leech or minnow. During the day, a worm under a bobber catches bluegill, and a weedless worm along the weeds can find largemouth. Construction near the beach may move parking, so follow posted signs.

### KAYAK

Morning are the calmest paddling windows. The south wind builds a ripple on the north shore, so plan a route you can paddle back against the wind. For walleye, work a jig and minnow or slip bobber along breaks near the weed edges as the sun sets, and troll a shallow crankbait slowly along the weeds.

### BOAT

Use your electronics to find breaks and points next to weed edges, then fish a jig and minnow or a live-bait rig slowly during the day. As the light fades, troll shallow crankbaits along the weed edges or cast lipless rattle baits over the weeds. Evening on the north shore is the top window.

## 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

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.