FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Pine Lake (Waukesha Co) area

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10

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 **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 — statewide median of 14 lake estimates from the observed air record (NOAA ACIS) — no

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: crayfish, small yellow perch, bluegill and minnows. Match that with crayfish-colored tubes and jigs on the bottom and translucent minnow baits higher in the water.

ALSO BITING

Walleye · northern pike. Walleye slide shallower at dusk along points; pike patrol the weed edges and hit spinnerbaits and spoons.

PRESSURE

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

coordinates on file for this lake; no water-temperature 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	If you don't have a boat, the most practical option is to launch a canoe or kayak, pay the daily launch fee and fish close to shore.	
Clarity	Calm, bright and very clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Pine Lake has very little public shore access. The Village of Chenequa public launch on County Road K is the only public landing, and village rules say the launch facility can't be used for fishing, so don't fish from the ramp area. The rest of the shoreline is private.

KAYAK

Launch at the Village of Chenequa public launch on County Road K, which is open 6 AM to 10 PM; the daily launch fee is paid in cash or check. Morning are the calmest windows. The south wind blows down the lake and builds chop on the north end, so stay near the shoreline and fish points out of the wind.

BOAT

Launch at the Village of Chenequa public launch on County Road K, where the daily fee is paid in cash or check. Pull your boat clear of the ramp promptly after launching. Use your electronics to find points, humps and the deep weed edge, where fall smallmouth and largemouth group.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait over shallow rock and weed flats at first light. Small popper when bass push baitfish up on calm mornings. Topwater usually fades once the sun gets high.

MID

Suspending jerkbait in a natural shad or perch color. Small swimbait on a light jighead along weed edges. Spinnerbait or underspin on the wind-blown points.

BOTTOM

Drop-shot with a small minnow-style bait on deep edges. Tube or Ned rig in green pumpkin on gravel and rock. Football jig on deeper points and humps.