Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Prairie Lake area

Prairie Lake

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 ~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

Frosty nights are cooling the lake, and walleye move shallower in low light to feed on baitfish along weed edges, points 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 rock by day; a jig, Texas-rigged worm 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	Barron County launch fees are $5 a day or $20 a season.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Veterans Memorial County Park, about 1.5 miles south of Cameron, offers the best public shore access on Prairie Lake, with a boat ramp, fish-cleaning house and park grounds along the water.

KAYAK

Launch at Veterans Memorial County Park south of Cameron, where the Barron County launch fee is $5 a day, or at another of the six public landings Wisconsin DNR lists. Morning is frosty and calm. The southwest breeze builds a ripple on the northeast shores, so plan a route you can paddle back against the wind.

BOAT

Launch at Veterans Memorial County Park, which has a boat ramp and fish-cleaning house; the Barron County launch fee is $5 a day or $20 a season. Use your electronics to find breaks and points next to weed edges, then fish a jig and minnow or live-bait rig slowly during the day.

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.