FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Lake Winnebago

Wisconsin

Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central Time · Walleye

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Winnebago area

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 22 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~5%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **50–55°F**, lows **39–47°F**, rain chance up to **~5%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

50° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 9–13 mph
RAIN	~1%
SUN	6:49 AM / 4:26 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	41°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSW 13–16 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:51 AM / 4:25 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

55° F high

LOW	47°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SSW 18–22 mph
RAIN	~5%
SUN	6:52 AM / 4:24 PM

Frame: Breeziest day — use ripple on wind-blown banks and points; open-water chop is higher risk.

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SW → SSW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:49 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 **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 — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Cooler nights are dropping water temperatures in this shallow lake quickly, and walleye are spreading between mud flats, where they chase shad, and the rock reefs along the east shore, where they move up at dusk and after dark. What's on the menu: gizzard shad

ALSO BITING

White bass · perch. White bass chase shad near river mouths and reefs on calm mornings.

PRESSURE

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

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 — check the operator page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
LAKE WINNEBAGO AT OSHKOSH, WI	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 746.68 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	the operator
Clarity	Stained, wind-stirred water can trigger feeding, but it is unsafe for small boats.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fond du Lac's Lakeside Park, with its lighthouse and breakwalls, and Menominee Park in Oshkosh both give you walk-up access to deeper water and rock. In Neenah, Kimberly Point Park offers rock shoreline at the north end. And the west-northwest wind blows away from west-shore parks, so they stay calmer and fishable.

KAYAK

Winnebago's open water is dangerous for kayaks on most days this week. Is the only reasonable paddle day: launch from Asylum Point Park or Menominee Park in Oshkosh and stay close to shore, working rock and breakwalls without heading out to open-lake reefs. Wear a PFD, dress for cold water, and stay within easy reach of shore.

BOAT

Launch at Menominee Park or Asylum Point in Oshkosh, Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac, High Cliff State Park on the northeast shore, or Calumet County Park and Stockbridge Harbor on the east shore. Is the best open-lake day: troll shad-profile crankbaits along mud-flat edges, then jig reef edges at dusk.

LURE BOX

TOP

Shallow minnow-style crankbait along breakwalls and reefs at dusk. Slip bobber with a minnow on rock at low light. Surface baits are for white bass and smallmouth, not walleye.

MID

Shad-profile crankbait trolled along mud-flat edges. Minnow-profile crankbait on planer boards on calm Blade bait or lipless crankbait on reef edges.

BOTTOM

Jig and fathead or shiner, 1/4–3/8 oz, on reef edges. Jig with a 3" paddle-tail in white or perch near rock. Live-bait rig with a minnow for neutral fish on breaks.