FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Wissota area

Lake Wissota

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7/10 — 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	+ Clear / sunny (~17%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **51–56°F**, lows **37–46°F**, rain chance up to **~17%**. 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	SSW 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:03 AM / 4:35 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

55° F high

LOW	41°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 10–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:05 AM / 4:34 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

56° F high

LOW	46°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 15 mph
RAIN	~17%
SUN	7:06 AM / 4:33 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:03 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 ~51°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

Nights in the 40s are cooling the shallows, and walleye are sliding from summer weed and wood toward the old river channel, deeper breaks and wind-blown rock points where baitfish school. What's on the menu: young-of-year yellow perch, shiners and other small

ALSO BITING

Muskie · northern pike. Fall muskie fishing builds on weed edges and points; bucktails and gliders work.

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	Some county landings require a launch permit, so read the posted signs.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Lake Wissota State Park on the east shore is the best walk-in access, with public shoreline near its boat landing and nearby points that drop into deeper water. The Paint Creek Bridge area also gives you a spot to cast into moving water where a creek meets the lake. A shallow minnow-style crankbait at dusk also works.

KAYAK

Launch at Lake Wissota State Park or the Lafayette Brick Landing and work the protected bays and the Yellow River arm, where wood, weed edges and channel bends hold walleye and crappie without long open-water crossings.

BOAT

Launch at the Lake Wissota Reserve Boat Landing on 74th Avenue, the Anson East or Anson West landings, the Lake Wissota County Landing near the Old Abe Trail, or the state park landing.

LURE BOX

TOP

Shallow minnow-style crankbait along rock points at dusk. Slip bobber with a leech or minnow on wind-blown points. Surface baits are for bass, not walleye, this week.

MID

Minnow-profile crankbait trolled along channel breaks. Crawler harness on a slow troll while water stays mild. Blade bait snapped off the bottom after cooler nights.

BOTTOM

Jig and fathead or shiner, 1/8–1/4 oz, on channel edges and wood. Jig with a 3" paddle-tail on rock and sand transitions. Live-bait rig with a minnow for neutral fish on the breaks.