Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Island Park area

Island Park

Idaho

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

4/10 — Fair odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 18°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 6–12 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~100%	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **32–50°F**, lows **16–29°F**, rain chance up to **~100%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

50° F high

LOW	29°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	SE 1–7 mph
RAIN	~26%
SUN	7:22 AM / 4:57 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

48° F high

LOW	21°F
SKY	Patchy Fog
WIND	SSE 6 mph
RAIN	~100%
SUN	7:24 AM / 4:56 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

32° F high

LOW	16°F
SKY	Snow Showers
WIND	SSW 2–12 mph
RAIN	~77%
SUN	7:25 AM / 4:55 PM

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:22 AM MST) → ~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 ~46°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: Perch, kokanee-related baitfish, and shore-running forage — match with chrome/white early and green-pumpkin or smoke plastics later.

ALSO BITING

Cutthroat and other trout in deeper, cooler water if you leave the bass banks. Perch on the same weed and rock edges with a small jig.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending steady

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by Bureau of Reclamation 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
Island Park Dam	No generation schedule posted by Bureau of Reclamation for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18	Bureau of Reclamation
Permit / regs	On Island Park Reservoir, verify trailer parking and any day-use rules before you leave the lot.	
Clarity	Water clarity / depth.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank fishing starts at Public boat ramp on Island Park Reservoir, Fremont Co. From the truck you can reach the first shade line, brush pile, or drop within a short walk — work a soft stickbait or weightless fluke along the shade, then pitch a compact jig into the nearest wood.

KAYAK

Kayak anglers should launch at the same public access — Public boat ramp on Island Park Reservoir, Fremont Co — and hug the protected shoreline rather than crossing open water when a breeze is up.

BOAT

Trailers use the public ramp at Public boat ramp on Island Park Reservoir, Fremont Co — launch, clear the lane, and idle out before you plane. At first light, run points, timber edges, and secondary drops with a squarebill or spinnerbait, then slow down with a Texas-rigged beaver when the sun climbs.

LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait over calm dock pockets at dawn and dusk. Small popper when evening goes slick.

MID

Spinnerbait or small swimbait on rock points. Medium crank along the first break.

BOTTOM

Drop-shot or tube on clear rock. Ned rig when fish get picky under the high sun. Stain/clear: Clear fall Island Park Reservoir water — downsize and use natural colors once the sun is up.