Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Prairie Creek Reservoir area

Prairie Creek Reservoir

Indiana
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 3–7 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~0%)	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **52–60°F**, lows **33–40°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

52° F high

LOW	33°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 0–3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:27 AM / 5:23 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

56° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:28 AM / 5:23 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

60° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 3–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:29 AM / 5:22 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:27 AM EST) → ~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 ~55°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Pressure at Prairie Creek should stay lighter than a weekend, but the Muncie public ramp corridor still sees after-work rods. If the first shoreline stretch is occupied, slide to the next open public bank or a short kayak hop.

ALSO BITING

Bluegill and crappie mix on the same Prairie Creek timber and ramp shade you are fishing for largemouth — keep a light jig ready as a bonus cast, then return to the bass plan on the prime low-light windows.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

WATER BOARD — LAKE CHEAT SHEET

FIXED Natural / small-impoundment water — no generation table. Check access rules and level notes with the managing agency before you go.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Permit / regs	Indiana DNR regulation summary — confirm the current card.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start on the posted shoreline at the Prairie Creek Reservoir public ramp (Delaware County / Muncie), then fan out along walk-in banks beside the concrete ramp and any open public shoreline you can reach without crossing private docks.

KAYAK

Launch from the Prairie Creek Reservoir public ramp and stay inside a short paddle of public shoreline. Pack a spinnerbait for covering water and a Texas-rig creature for midday shade. When the south-southeast breeze or the west-southwest wind chops the open water, refuse a long crossing and keep fishing protected edges.

BOAT

Run out from the Prairie Creek Reservoir public ramp and keep the plan compact. Graph timber edges, ramp riprap, and the first break before you idle the whole basin. The calm north air makes spot-lock easy on secondary wood; work a jig or shaky head and keep a topwater ready if shad flick.

LURE BOX

TOP

One walking topwater for calm dawn shad.

MID

Prairie Creek's box should cover public timber and ramp riprap: a weightless stickbait. A spinnerbait or squarebill for the breeze.

BOTTOM

A compact flipping jig. A Texas-rig creature. A shaky head or drop-shot for clear midday water.