Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Council Grove Lake area

# Council Grove Lake

Kansas
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Central Time · Largemouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

**5**/10 — Fair odds

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| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| + Mostly stable | + No lightning | − Up to 25 mph · unsafe chop | + Clear / sunny (~7%) | ~ Fall transition | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **56–63°F**, lows **39–46°F**, rain chance up to **~7%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

## THREE-DAY WEATHER

### MONDAY NOV 16

**56°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 39°F |
| SKY | Mostly Sunny |
| WIND | S 0–15 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 7:09 AM / 5:12 PM |

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

### TUESDAY NOV 17

**60°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 43°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | S 10–20 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | 7:10 AM / 5:11 PM |

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

### WEDNESDAY NOV 18

**63°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 46°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | S 15–25 mph |
| RAIN | ~7% |
| SUN | 7:11 AM / 5:10 PM |

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

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

## HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

### MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:09 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 **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 ~54°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 1 nearby

### NATURAL FORAGE

**Council Grove draws Flint Hills locals and campers, and the marina area is the busiest spot. If the marina rock is crowded, try the dam or an arm.**

### ALSO BITING

**White bass and wipers can school on main-lake points when the wind pushes shad — watch for surface boils and carry a spoon or swimbait. Crappie are moving toward brush and dock shade, and channel catfish bite well in the arms in the evening.**

### PRESSURE

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

USGS lake gauge; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

## DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE SWT 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Council Grove Lake | No generation schedule posted by USACE SWT for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18<br>Observed: pool 1,274.15 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 9 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT) | USACE SWT |
| Permit / regs | Bass regs (Kansas statewide summary): black bass at Council Grove follow Kansas statewide length and creel rules unless KDWP posts a lake-specific limit — confirm the current KDWP regulations summary and the ramp board before you keep fish. | |
| Clarity | Council Grove is a Flint Hills Corps reservoir with rocky main-lake shoreline, a marina, and two main arms — the Neosho River and Munkers Creek — that hold shallower wood and stained water. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

Begin at the Council Grove Marina public ramp and the rock nearby, then walk the public shoreline toward the dam and the Munkers Creek or Neosho River park banks. Once the sun is out, fish shade and slow down. The light southwest breeze calms things again; spend the last hour on an arm bank with a topwater or a buzzbait.

### KAYAK

Launch from the marina ramp or, when the wind is light, and paddle into the nearest cove or toward an arm. The fog before 9 a.m. Means staying close to shore until it lifts — the marina docks are a fine place to wait it out with a jig.

### BOAT

Launch at the Council Grove Marina public ramp and plan around the wind. Idle out after the fog, then fish marina docks and nearby rock with a jig or soft plastic in the calm. Watch the chop when you cross the main lake and load at the ramp.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

A buzzbait or walking topwater for evening on the arms.

### MID

A squarebill. A medium-diving crankbait for windward rock. A 3/8–1/2 oz spinnerbait in white/chartreuse for the gusts.

### BOTTOM

Council Grove box: a 3/8 oz jig. A Texas-rig creature for docks and wood. Use darker colors in the stained arms and shad colors on the main lake.