Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Elk City Reservoir

Kansas

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

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Elk City Reservoir area

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

5/10 — Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
~ 12°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 16 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~3%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **58–62°F**, lows **40–52°F**, rain chance up to **~3%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

58° F high

LOW	40°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SSE 1–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:03 AM / 5:12 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

59° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 7–13 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:04 AM / 5:11 PM

Frame: Stable day — first-light moving bait, then slow down around shade and cover once the sun is up.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

62° F high

LOW	52°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 12–16 mph
RAIN	~3%
SUN	7:05 AM / 5:11 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SSE → 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 **Largemouth plan: Follow shad into the backs of creeks and flats 1-10 ft; spinnerbait, squarebill and topwater at a fast pace.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools. Possible turnover window on stratified reservoirs — the bite can go off for a few days.

Basis: estimated water ~59°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Elk City sees moderate weekday traffic, mostly crappie anglers in the timber and Elk City State Park campers near the main ramps. If the Courtesy ramp area is busy, Card Creek or South Squaw offers space.

ALSO BITING

Crappie are a big draw at Elk City, holding in timber and brush — a small jig around wood can fill a cooler.

PRESSURE

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

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
Elk City Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE SWT for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 795.64 ft (Mon 4:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 5 cfs (Mon 4:00 AM CT)	USACE SWT
Permit / regs	Bass regs (Kansas statewide summary): black bass at Elk City 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	A sheltered alternate with wood and stained water when the main lake is busy.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish the shoreline at the Elk City–Courtesy public ramp, then walk the state park and Corps banks toward the nearest timber and the Card Creek or South Squaw shorelines. Elk City is a wood lake: pitch a jig or Texas-rig worm to laydowns and stumps you can reach, working the edges and shade.

KAYAK

Launch from the Courtesy ramp and paddle into the nearest timbered cove — a kayak is the perfect tool for picking apart Elk City's wood, because you can slip into gaps a bass boat cannot. Pitch a weedless jig or Texas rig into shade pockets in the timber, and keep a spinnerbait ready for the outside wood line.

BOAT

Launch at the Elk City–Courtesy public ramp and idle carefully — timber is everywhere outside marked lanes, and a stump can end a trip fast. Fish wood in the nearest coves with a jig or Texas rig in the calm northeast breeze, working the shady side of each tree. If the main lake is busy, Card Creek is a calm alternate.

LURE BOX

TOP

No topwater slot on file for this water — stay mid / bottom.

MID

A squarebill for deflecting off stumps. A 3/8 oz spinnerbait for wood lines. A weightless stickbait for calm cover.

BOTTOM

Elk City timber box: a 3/8–1/2 oz flipping jig in black/blue or green pumpkin. A Texas-rig creature or worm for wood. A shaky head for rock near the dam.