FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Shawnee area

Lake Shawnee

Kansas

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

Fair odds

6/10

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	− Up to 20 mph · unsafe chop	+ Clear / sunny (~14%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **57–63°F**, lows **37–47°F**, rain chance up to **~14%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

57° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:06 AM / 5:07 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	42°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 10–15 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:07 AM / 5:07 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

63° F high

LOW	47°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 15–20 mph
RAIN	~14%
SUN	7:08 AM / 5:06 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 (7:06 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.

Basis: estimated water ~56°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 1 nearby USGS lake gauge; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

NATURAL FORAGE

Lake Shawnee is a Topeka metro park lake — expect more after-work pressure than remote waters, especially near the ramp and the most popular docks. If the ramp bank is crowded, walk the trail to the next picnic shoreline.

ALSO BITING

Bluegill and crappie stack under the same docks — a light jig can keep kids busy all afternoon.

PRESSURE

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

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	Expect park permit or fee rules, posted motor rules, and more after-work traffic than a remote reservoir — read the park board before you unload.	
Clarity	Fog before 10 a.m. — wait for visibility before you leave the no-wake zone.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Walk the Lake Shawnee Park public ramp shoreline first, then follow the park trail to dock edges and riprap and the picnic-area public banks. The trail is the bank angler's best friend here — you can cover a lot of shoreline on foot.

KAYAK

And paddle the park shoreline. Near-calm are ideal kayak days on this compact lake — slip along docks and riprap and pitch a jig or stickbait into shade, then sit off the end of a dock and work the first break. Watch for other boat traffic and fishing lines from shore near the docks and the trail.

BOAT

Launch at the park public ramp, confirm the county's boat permit and motor rules, and keep the plan compact. Idle out after the fog and fish docks and riprap slowly with a jig and a weightless stickbait; pressured park fish often need a second or third cast to the same spot.

LURE BOX

TOP

A walking topwater evening.

MID

Lake Shawnee box: a weightless stickbait. A spinnerbait and squarebill for the wind. A smaller profile — a 4-inch stickbait.

BOTTOM

A compact 5/16 oz jig for skipping docks. A Texas-rig creature for dock posts. A drop-shot for clear midday water.