



FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST · LOUISIANA

Caddo Lake: Midweek Cypress Heat, Calm Mornings & Largemouth on the Knees

Caddo Lake · Fri Oct 2 — Sun Oct 4, 2026 · bank / kayak / boat · times in **CT** · primary: Largemouth bass

Fri–Sun sunny heat ~92–94° (NWS SHV)

Baro ~29.94 inHg · KSHV

Cypress boards THIN · verify USGS / park notes

Thu–Fri storm chances climb — bank Fri–Sun window

Warm, unsettled air hangs over Oil City and Mooringsport — fish dawn pads and cypress before the afternoon storm chances, then treat Saturday–Sunday as classic Caddo pocket weather with lightning as the hard stop.

● WEEKEND OUTLOOK

NWS Shreveport (SHV) grid for the Oil City / Mooringsport / Caddo Lake corridor (pulled Fri Oct 2, 2026 · ~6:25 AM CT**CT**). This FRIDAY CAST opens hot and mostly dry: **Friday** sunny, high near **93°F** after an overnight low near **67°F**, east wind 0–5 mph, precip ~9%. **Saturday** sunny near **94°F** / overnight low near **71°F**, southeast breeze 0–5 mph, precip near zero. **Sunday** partly sunny near **92°F** / overnight low near **74°F**, southeast 5–10 mph, precip ~7% with a slight storm chance Sunday night into Thursday. No active watches/warnings named for the Caddo corridor at pull. Barometer near **KSHV ~29.91 inHg** (Sun ~9:56 PM CT · calm).

For **largemouth** (primary on Caddo this week) and secondary crappie / bream: lean **first light and last light** every day — midday under a 93–94° sun pushes fish into shade pads, cypress knees, and deeper boat-road edges. Light east-to-southeast breezes keep the maze fishable without whitecaps; Sunday's slightly stronger SE breeze can stain surface lanes and move bait along grass edges. Soft weekday recreational pressure through weekend — **no named national trail event pulled for Caddo on Sep 28–30**. Looking ahead, Thursday–Friday showers and thunderstorms likely (~60%+) — bank the Fri–Sun window if you can choose.

WINDOW

Fri–Sun

through Wed evening CT

WATER / LEVEL

Caddo is a cypress labyrinth with slow Cypress Basin inflows — public pool board **THIN** at this pull. USGS Big Cypress near Jefferson shows low inflow context only. Clarity typically stained in boat roads; expect clearer pockets inside pads. Confirm USGS / Caddo Lake State Park notes before you go.

CROWD / HEAVY TRAFFIC

Weekday soft; maze geometry disperses boats. Gentle recreational rebound late Sunday into the weekend. **No named trail event pulled for Fri–Sun.**

FRIDAY OCT 2

88°

F · CT

Chance Showers And Thunderstorms. Wind 0 to 5 mph E. A chance of rain showers before 7am, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms between 7am and 4pm, then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 88. East wind 0 to 5 mph. Chance of

- Sunny — classic late-summer / early-fall heat
- Sunrise **7:06 AM** · Sunset **7:05 PM** CT
- Best bite: dawn pads / cypress knees; shade pockets by mid-morning

SATURDAY OCT 3

84°

F · CT

Chance Showers And Thunderstorms. Wind 5 to 10 mph NE. A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 84. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

- Sunny and hot — cleanest sky day of the three
- Sunrise **7:07 AM** · Sunset **7:04 PM** CT
- Best bite: first light boat roads / grass edges; midday deep shade

SUNDAY OCT 4

81°

F · CT

Chance Rain Showers. Wind 5 to 10 mph NE. A chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%.

- Partly sunny; slight storm odds rise after dark
- Sunrise **7:08 AM** · Sunset **7:03 PM** CT
- Best bite: dawn—~10 AM CT before SE breeze dirties lanes

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

Friday–Saturday: bank the calm dawns — do not sleep through 7:00–9:30 AM CT

Midday: slow down in shade pads and knee clusters; hydrate hard

Sunday: fish early, then watch SE breeze and evening storm odds

Lightning: off the water immediately — cypress offers no safe cover

● DAM & LEVEL CHEAT SHEET

Caddo Lake does not run a classic big-river generator board the way a Corps mainstem pool does. A dated public elev / release calendar for the Louisiana Caddo pool was **THIN** at pull Fri Oct 2, 2026 · ~6:25 AM CT

WATER	OBSERVED	INFLOW / CONTEXT	HOW TO FISH IT
Caddo Lake (LA) Cypress maze · Oil City / MooringSport	THIN at pull — no dated LA pool elev on board ~6:25 AM CT Fri	USGS Big Cypress nr Jefferson ~3.57 ft / ~21.7 cfs · Black Cypress ~3.54 ft / 0 cfs (context only) <i>Verify USGS / park notes before you go</i>	Friday–Sunday: pads, cypress knees, and shaded boat roads for largemouth in the heat. Skip guessing generation — fish structure you can see. After weekend storms later in the week, watch stained creek mouths.

Heads-up: The weekend heat is the real constraint — hydrate, mark your path in the maze, and confirm any park or ramp notices before you launch. Restricted / private shore stays off-limits.

STATE PARK / MOORINGSPORT END

Public banks and pier edges
where posted — best Friday
dawn fallback; solid midday
shade pockets under the
cypress.

OIL CITY BOAT ROADS

Main kayak/boat lanes through
the maze; Saturday first-light
grass edges; idle zones matter
once recreational traffic wakes.

DEEP CYPRESS POCKETS

Midday heat hideouts Fri–Sun;
frog and soft-plastic water
when the sun climbs past 10
AM CT.

● HOW TO FISH IT — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Shared: Still-warm October mornings — hydrate early; fog can linger in cypress pockets until mid-morning. Skip private shore, posted marina slips, and swim-restricted stretches. **Caddo Lake State Park** (Mooringsport corridor) public banks and pier edges where posted open — fees and gates verify live. Friday–Sunday: dawn pads and cypress knees within casting range of park banks; midday work the deepest shade you can reach without trespass when storms build. Access: LDWF / State Park maps · live-check only.

KAYAK

Plan: Ideal kayak water — the maze rewards slow pockets and marked boat roads. Launch **Oil City** or **State Park** public access and work pad edges before the sun climbs. PFD on the whole float. Mark your GPS track in; cypress looks the same when you turn around. Skip unmarked private docks and stump fields under glare. When NE breeze and storm chances rise Saturday–Sunday, stay inside protected lanes and leave open cuts if chop or thunder builds.

BOAT

Plan: Idle zones matter every day — Caddo's stumps punish hurry. Friday–Sunday first light on pads and cypress knees, then deeper boat-road edges once the sun clears the trees — abort for any cell with thunder. Launch early at Oil City / State Park public ramps. Weekend recreational pressure rises after mid-morning on fair gaps between storms; still watch ski and pontoon lanes. Distance from restricted shore and duck-blind clusters when posted. Heat plus storms are the limiters — short hops and shade beat long runs.

● LURE BOX

TOP

Walking bait (bone / chrome) calm dawn lanes Fri–Tue

Frog / buzzbait on pads once the sun climbs

Popper on cypress dimples in lee pockets

MID

Spinnerbait (white / chart) along grass edges if Sunday breeze rises

Squarebill (craw) ticking knees and wood

Soft jerk / swimbait (shad) on boat-road edges

BOTTOM

Texas-rig worm (junebug / green pumpkin) in shade pads

Jig / craw on deeper knees once midday heat sets

Ned / shaky only in clearer pockets — Caddo usually wants darker profiles

Stain / clear match: Caddo's stained boat roads favor darker craw / junebug and noisy frogs. Keep a natural shad profile ready if you find clearer pad pockets after a calm night.

● LARGEMOUTH LIFE STAGE

Early-fall transition on Caddo. Overnight lows still in the upper 60s to low 70s with daytime highs near 92–94°F keep a summer-pattern largemouth bite alive on pads, cypress knees, and shaded boat roads — this is not a full fall creek-run week yet. Residual late-summer heat still sits in the maze, so think shallow cover first light, then shade and slightly deeper wood as the sun climbs.

Primary this week: largemouth bass in vegetation and cypress structure. Crappie and bream remain secondary around brush and open pockets — short callouts, not the lead.

What's on the menu: Dated hatch reports for this exact window are thin. Most likely forage is **shad** along boat roads, **bluegill / bream** in pads, and **crawfish** on wood and knees. Start on frogs and craw-colored bottoms once you can fish shade honestly after mid-morning; keep a baitfish profile ready if fish suspend off the deeper edges.

● ALSO HOT / ALSO IN SEASON

CRAPPIE · BREAM

Crappie: brush and timber edges on the cooler edges of dawn / dusk. Bream: same pad pockets with small beetles and worms — great bank option while bass bury in shade.

CATFISH

Channel / blue catfish remain available on deeper boat-road edges and cuts — not the FRIDAY CAST lead. Confirm regs and bait rules separately.

Regs: Louisiana Fishing — wlf.louisiana.gov/fishing · live-check only before you keep fish.

● HEAVY TRAFFIC

No named national or major trail event pulled for Caddo Lake Fri Oct 2 – Wed Sep 30. Weekday recreational traffic should stay soft inside the maze; expect a gentle rebound late Sunday into the weekend as the heat holds and before Thursday–Friday storm odds rise. Local duck-blind and private-dock clusters can create short choke points — idle and give space.

● LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday–Friday showers and thunderstorms likely (~60%+) will dirty pockets and interrupt the clean pad window — if you can fish, bank Friday through Sunday first. Next week cools slightly with continued rain chances early, then a more typical early-October pattern. Confirm NWS SHV and USGS Cypress gauges before the weekend rebound.

● PURE-GAS.ORG E0 · THIS WATER

Closest practical E0 fill corridor is **Bossier City / north Shreveport** (none confirmed near Oil City / Mooringsport at pull). Stations only — no pump prices.

Murphy #7990 — 100 Benton Spur Rd, Bossier City, LA · 87 octane E0

Murphy USA — 1825 Airline Dr, Bossier City, LA · 87 octane E0

QuikTrip — 4344 E Texas St, Bossier City, LA · 91 octane E0

Murphy 6629 — 2705 W 70th St, Shreveport, LA · 87 octane E0

Listings can change. Verify E0 grade at the pump if grade matters to you. Source: Pure-Gas.org-aligned public directories (PumpWorthy LA mirror), listed Fri Oct 2, 2026 · ~6:25 AM CT

Sources: NWS Shreveport (SHV) · METAR KSHV · USGS 07346000 / 07346045 (Cypress inflow context) · Caddo Lake State Park / LDWF · Pure-Gas.org-aligned E0 listings

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