Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Jennings Randolph Lake area

Jennings Randolph Lake

Maryland
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Smallmouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

7 /10 — Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 14°F swing	+ No lightning	+ 3–7 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~2%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **52–66°F**, lows **31–36°F**, rain chance up to **~2%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

52° F high

LOW	31°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	W 7 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	7:01 AM / 5:00 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

61° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:02 AM / 5:00 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

66° F high

LOW	36°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	W 0–3 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:03 AM / 4:59 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:01 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 **Smallmouth plan: Go subsurface and a notch slower: edges of drop-offs, rocky points and bluff ends between the fall flats and the 20-40 ft winter depth; jerkbait with pauses, small jig or hula grub on the bottom, blade bait ripped off the bottom on points.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Smallmouth are in the late fall transition — water in the low-to-mid 50s, so they are staging on drop-off edges, points and bends between their summer spots and the deep wintering holes.

Basis: estimated water ~52°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response), adjusted by 1 nearby

NATURAL FORAGE

Afternoon, slide toward any sun-warmed pocket near the access and pitch a soft creature into shade under overhanging brush. The near-calm sun is the day to ease around the shoreline slowly, stopping at every timber cluster and legal dock shadow.

ALSO BITING

Yellow perch & panfish. Cool nights pull perch and bluegill tighter to brush and the first drop.

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 NAB 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
Jennings Randolph Lake	No generation schedule posted by USACE NAB for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,447.13 ft (Mon 3:15 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 341 cfs (Mon 3:15 AM CT)	USACE NAB
Clarity	Natural greens and browns match highland and stained shore water; flash gets the nod on the windblown bank when baitfish are pushed shallow.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Start at the Maryland DNR / Corps public access on Jennings Randolph Lake as posted at the ramp and walk the nearest riprap, grass, or wood edge you can reach without crossing private docks.

KAYAK

Launch from the public access at Jennings Randolph Lake and hug the protected shoreline as soon as you clear the ramp throat or carry-. The gusts make the open middle a poor first choice for a light kayak — work the lee of points and backed-in pockets until mid-morning.

BOAT

Trailering boats use the same public access: Maryland DNR / Corps public access on Jennings Randolph Lake as posted at the ramp. Confirm local length and motor rules on the posting at the ramp before you drop.

LURE BOX

TOP

Trailers matched to local forage Walking bone or chrome topwater — calm /surface Ned / small shaky head — cold dawn when fish will not chase Also in the box.

MID

No mid-depth slot on file for this water.

BOTTOM

Green-pumpkin stick worm. One on a bottom contact bait so you can switch without re-tying when the frost bite turns. Natural greens and browns match highland and stained shore water.