Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Lake Tom Bailey area

Lake Tom Bailey

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 10–10 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~2%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **65–72°F**, lows **35–45°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

65° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Partly Sunny
WIND	ENE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~2%
SUN	6:24 AM / 4:53 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

69° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	ENE 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:25 AM / 4:52 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

72° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	E 5–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	6:26 AM / 4:52 PM

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: ENE → E · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (6:24 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 ~63°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

You will see bait around points, timber, and the first drop, and birds often mark the best schools.

ALSO BITING

Brush and timber hold crappie; small jigs and minnows around cover in the cooler morning water Work the same shade and edges you would for largemouth bass, just scale down the bait and slow the retrieve. Bluegill / redear.

PRESSURE

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

gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

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	Carry your fishing license and daily boat-launch permit, watch for swimming and bank anglers near the ramp, and leave no trash at the Copiah County SFL.	
Clarity	No USGS lake-surface reading for Lake Tom Bailey in this Cast window; wind and clarity set the day.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Posted MDWFP shoreline and any walk-up bank at Lake Tom Bailey is the land-based play this week. Fish a weightless stickbait, a small spinnerbait, or a jig under a float along shade, timber, and riprap at sunrise and again in the last hour of light.

KAYAK

Launch at a posted public trailer or carry-in access on Lake Tom Bailey and paddle the lee shoreline, timber edges, and protected pockets at first light. A spinnerbait or chatterbait covers water early; slow down with a Texas-rigged creature or wacky worm as the sun climbs.

BOAT

Launch at a posted public boat access for Lake Tom Bailey. Work main-lake points, timber, and any breeze-blown bank early with a spinnerbait or crankbait, then flip soft plastics into shade as the day heats up.

LURE BOX

TOP

Spinnerbait or chatterbait along timber edges at first light. Walking bait or popper on calm shade lines early. Squarebill crankbait bumping wood in stained pockets.

MID

Texas-rig creature or stickbait flipped into timber and shade. Shakey head or ned rig on harder edges between cover. Jig and chunk pitched to docks or laydowns if present.

BOTTOM

Soft plastic stickbait weightless in the morning chill. Drop-shot or light Texas-rig when fish suspend off timber. Small jig for bank and pier anglers after dark.