FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Blue Springs Lake area

Blue Springs Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

4/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
− Unsettled · 13°F swing	+ No lightning	− Up to 15 mph · open-water chop	+ Clear / sunny (~10%)	~ Fall transition · turnover	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **56–62°F**, lows **37–50°F**, rain chance up to **~10%**. Story is wind — pick banks the breeze is hitting and keep crossings short.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

56° F high

LOW	37°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 3–7 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:01 AM / 5:02 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

58° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	S 6–10 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:02 AM / 5:01 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	50°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 10–15 mph
RAIN	~10%
SUN	7:03 AM / 5:01 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 (7:01 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 ~58°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

Shad and bluegill are the usual forage on Kansas City-area reservoirs in fall. Watch for surface activity at first light and for bait dimpling on points.

ALSO BITING

Brush and docks hold crappie; small jigs around cover in the cooler morning water. A fun bank target with worms or small jigs when the bass bite slows in the heat.

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 NWDM 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
Blue Springs Dam & Reservoir	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDM for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 802.36 ft (Mon 3:00 AM CT); observed outflow (USACE) 11 cfs (Sun 6:00 AM CT)	USACE NWDM
Permit / regs	Keep a light spinning outfit ready for panfish when the bass bite slows, and confirm current Missouri fishing regulations before you keep fish.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Productive at dawn and dusk when boat traffic is light.

KAYAK

Launch from a Jackson County Parks public ramp or designated kayak access and paddle the first points and creek-arm banks at first light. A spinnerbait or squarebill covers water early; switch to a Texas-rig or soft stickbait as fish slide to shade by midday.

BOAT

Launch at a Jackson County Parks public boat ramp on Blue Springs Lake. Work main-lake points and any breeze-blown bank with a spinnerbait or chatterbait early, then flip soft plastics into shade and cover as the day heats up.

LURE BOX

TOP

Spinnerbait or chatterbait on points at first light. Walking bait or popper on calm banks early. Squarebill crankbait bumping rock and wood.

MID

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

BOTTOM

Soft plastic stickbait weightless after the cool night. Drop-shot or light Texas-rig when fish suspend off points. Small jig for bank anglers at dusk.