Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Willow Creek area

Willow Creek

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

6/10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 3–5 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~97%	~ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **34–41°F**, lows **28–34°F**, rain chance up to **~97%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

41° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Light Rain
WIND	SE 1–5 mph
RAIN	~93%
SUN	—

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

TUESDAY NOV 17

36° F high

LOW	32°F
SKY	Rain And Snow
WIND	NW 5 mph
RAIN	~97%
SUN	—

Frame: Wet day — fish the front side of the rain; slow down and stay close to cover after it passes.

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

34° F high

LOW	28°F
SKY	Chance Light Snow then Mostly Cloudy
WIND	SW 3 mph
RAIN	~28%
SUN	—

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: SE → NW → SW · Bite window: dawn + last light

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (first light 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: Slow down: steep points, channel drops and remaining grass just outside the creeks, between the fall flats and the 15-30 ft winter depth; suspending jerkbait with long pauses, jig-and-pig or blade bait crawled down the slope.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Largemouth are in the late fall transition — water under the mid-50s, so bass are sliding off the shallow flats toward steeper points and channel drops near their fall feeding areas.

Basis: estimated water ~49°F — statewide median of 22 lake estimates from the observed air

NATURAL FORAGE

Green pumpkin and natural shad cover most sunny scenarios.

ALSO BITING

Brush and docks. Shallows early.

PRESSURE

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

record (NOAA ACIS) — no coordinates on file for this lake; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending rising

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by the operator 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
Willow Creek Dam	No generation schedule posted by the operator for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18	the operator
Clarity	Drop-shot on clear water.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Make first casts count at Willow Creek Reservoir (MT) public shoreline near the ramp. Cover, then camp for largemouth bass. On Willow Creek Reservoir, do not force the same rock after the lunch crowd arrives.

KAYAK

Make Willow Creek protected shoreline the non-negotiable start. Largemouth bass under MT skies, safety over heroics at Willow Creek Reservoir. Local access note: FWP FAS: Willow Creek Reservoir.

BOAT

Make Willow Creek public ramp and open water the short hop. Long empty runs waste the largemouth bass window. At Willow Creek Reservoir, abort if whitecaps stack.

LURE BOX

TOP

Topwater at dawn. Spinnerbaits along cover. Frogs over remaining grass.

MID

Jigs and craws. Texas-rigged plastics.

BOTTOM

Texas rigs under high sun. Drop-shot on clear water. Carolina rigs on deeper edges.