Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

**Weather**
National Weather Service forecast for Wolf Creek Lake area

# Wolf Creek Lake

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

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

**7** /10

Fair odds

0 2 4 6 8 10

| PRESSURE | STORMS | WIND | SKY / RAIN | BASS STAGE | CROWD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| + Mostly stable | + No lightning | ~ Flat calm | + Clear / sunny (~0%) | ~ Fall transition · turnover | + Weekday · lighter traffic |

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **59–66°F**, lows **30°F**, rain chance up to **~0%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

## THREE-DAY WEATHER

### MONDAY NOV 16

**59°** F high

| | |
|---|---|
| LOW | 30°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | N 2 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | — |

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

### TUESDAY NOV 17

**61°** F high

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|---|---|
| LOW | 30°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | 0 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | — |

*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 | 30°F |
| SKY | Sunny |
| WIND | NE 1 mph |
| RAIN | ~0% |
| SUN | — |

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

Window: Mon–Wed · Air: N → → NE · 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: 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 ~60°F — statewide median of 26 lake estimates from the observed air record (NOAA ACIS) — no

### NATURAL FORAGE

**As nights cool, shad push into creek arms and onto points, and bass follow. Dock shade is your friend once the sun climbs.**

### ALSO BITING

**Crappie settle onto brush and dock pilings as nights cool; small jigs or minnows work in the calm. Catfish bite cut bait along channel edges in the evening, and bluegill still feed around docks and riprap.**

### PRESSURE

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

coordinates on file for this lake; no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending falling

## DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by Duke Energy 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 |
|---|---|---|
| Wolf Creek Dam (Tuckasegee) | No generation schedule posted by Duke Energy for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18<br>Observed: pool 3,071.60 ft (Mon 11/16) | Duke Energy |
| Permit / regs | Confirm length limits, creel limits, and any special rules on the live NCWRC freshwater page before you keep fish. | |
| Clarity | Keep a short stringer of casts near the ramp on the first pass so you learn the water clarity and boat traffic before you wander. | |

## ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

### BANK

Start from the Wolf Creek. Fish the public shoreline and riprap within walking distance of the ramp lot, not the launch lanes themselves. Work a small popper at first light, then a shaky head or a wacky-rigged stick worm along rock and any accessible dock ends that are clearly open to shore anglers.

### KAYAK

Launch at the Wolf Creek, then stay in the near-shore dock and cove circuit so you are not fighting main-lake wakes all day. Skip a weightless stick worm or a small jig under docks, and ride the light breeze along the windward bank where bait lines up.

### BOAT

Trailer in at the Wolf Creek and idle out until you are clear of the ramp pocket. Run points and creek mouths at first light with a walking bait or a squarebill. By midday, pick apart deeper dock rows with a jig or a skipped soft plastic, and graph brush in roughly 12–20 feet with a dropshot or a shaky head.

## LURE BOX

### TOP

Walking bait (shad) for schooling fish. Buzzbait along docks in softer light. Popper in calm dock shade.

### MID

Squarebill (shad or chartreuse) on riprap and points. 3–4" swimbait on a light jighead. White spinnerbait on breezy banks.

### BOTTOM

Skipping jig (green pumpkin) under docks. Wacky or Texas-rigged stick worm around posts. Shaky head on rock and riprap.