FRESHWATER CAST · MONDAY CAST

Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Hills Creek Reservoir area

Hills Creek Reservoir

Oregon
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Pacific Time · Trout

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

8/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Stable pattern	+ No lightning	+ 1–5 mph usable ripple	− Rain up to ~74%	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **48–52°F**, lows **34–39°F**, rain chance up to **~74%**. Story is the wet stretch — bite windows ride the rain timing, not the calendar.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

51° F high

LOW	35°F
SKY	Chance Rain Showers
WIND	ENE 2 mph
RAIN	~45%
SUN	7:05 AM / 4:43 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

52° F high

LOW	39°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	S 1–5 mph
RAIN	~74%
SUN	7:06 AM / 4:42 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

48° F high

LOW	34°F
SKY	Light Rain Likely
WIND	SSE 1 mph
RAIN	~68%
SUN	7:07 AM / 4:41 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING

- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:05 AM PST) → ~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 **Trout plan: Target inflows and shoreline drop-offs as water cools; spoons, spinners and streamers, moderate.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Trout are in the fall transition — following bait into creeks and onto flats as water cools.

Basis: estimated water ~53°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature gauge on the lake; air record trending steady

NATURAL FORAGE

What's on the menu: We do not have a dated forage report for this window. Most likely, insects and small baitfish make up most of the menu this time of year.

ALSO BITING

Hills Creek has a steady crappie population. Small jigs near submerged wood in the coves are the best bet in the afternoon.

PRESSURE

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

DAM & WATER — GENERATION SCHEDULE

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDP 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
Hills Creek Dam	No generation schedule posted by USACE NWDP for Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18 Observed: pool 1,444.23 ft (Mon 4:20 AM CT)	USACE NWDP
Permit / regs	Bank anglers can fish around Packard Creek Campground and the day-use area there, and along Larison Cove, where the slow, no-wake rule keeps the water calm.	
Clarity	Light winds all three days mean flat, clear water, so fish will see your line and boat easily.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Bank anglers can fish around Packard Creek Campground and the day-use area there, and along Larison Cove, where the slow, no-wake rule keeps the water calm. Expect cool starts near 54 to 54 degrees, so dress in layers.

KAYAK

Launch at the dock in Larison Cove and paddle the slow, no-wake arm, or put in at Packard Creek for the main lake. The Bingham launch at the south end needs higher water, so skip it this time of year.

BOAT

Launch at Packard Creek, which ODFW notes is generally usable all year. Other ramps may be out of the water as the lake drops, so confirm before you drive. Troll a small spinner, spoon, or wedding-ring rig with a worm slowly along the points and drop-offs, going deeper as the sun gets high.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small dry fly or emerger on rising fish at dawn. Floating minnow twitched along the shoreline at first light.

MID

Small inline spinner cast or trolled along the drop-offs. Slim spoon trolled at mid-depths. Wedding-ring spinner with a worm or corn behind a dodger.

BOTTOM

PowerBait on a sliding-sinker rig. Nightcrawler floated just off the bottom. Balanced leech or chironomid under an indicator.