Monday Cast live · Nov 16–18, 2026

Weather
National Weather Service forecast for Presque Isle Bay area

Presque Isle Bay

Pennsylvania
Mon Nov 16 – Wed Nov 18, 2026 · Eastern Time · Smallmouth

BITE ODDS · THIS CAST

9/10 — Strong odds

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PRESSURE	STORMS	WIND	SKY / RAIN	BASS STAGE	CROWD
+ Mostly stable	+ No lightning	+ 9–12 mph usable ripple	+ Clear / sunny (~8%)	+ Fall transition	+ Weekday · lighter traffic

WEEK Early-week setup on this water — highs **49–56°F**, lows **42–45°F**, rain chance up to **~8%**. Story is light and bait position — dawn and last light carry the window.

THREE-DAY WEATHER

MONDAY NOV 16

49° F high

LOW	43°F
SKY	Mostly Cloudy
WIND	W 7–12 mph
RAIN	~8%
SUN	7:11 AM / 4:58 PM

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

TUESDAY NOV 17

52° F high

LOW	42°F
SKY	Mostly Sunny
WIND	SW 12 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:12 AM / 4:57 PM

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

WEDNESDAY NOV 18

56° F high

LOW	45°F
SKY	Sunny
WIND	SW 6–9 mph
RAIN	~0%
SUN	7:14 AM / 4:56 PM

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

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

HOW TO FISH THIS WEATHER

MORNING
- Shallow cover, points, creek mouths
- **First light (7:11 AM EST) → ~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 **Smallmouth plan: Go subsurface and a notch slower: edges of drop-offs, rocky points and bluff ends between the fall flats and the 20-40 ft winter depth; jerkbait with pauses, small jig or hula grub on the bottom, blade bait ripped off the bottom on points.**

BIOLOGY

BASS STAGE

Smallmouth are in the late fall transition — water in the low-to-mid 50s, so they are staging on drop-off edges, points and bends between their summer spots and the deep wintering holes.

Basis: estimated water ~54°F — 75-day observed air record (NOAA ACIS) lagged for a lake (14-day response); no water-temperature

NATURAL FORAGE

As the water cools, yellow perch form schools along the drop-offs and the deeper trench to feed before winter. What's on the menu: We do not have a dated forage report for this window.

ALSO BITING

Smallmouth bass. Smallmouth numbers in the bay are much lower in the fall than in spring, but some fish still hold on the drop-offs and the trench.

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 — CONFIRM BEFORE YOU LAUNCH

FIXED Dam-controlled water. No shared generation/level feed this cycle — check the agency page the morning you fish; releases and pool levels change daily. Stay outside buoyed restricted zones.

ITEM	NOTE	SOURCE
Clarity	Go with chartreuse or orange jig heads in stained water, and natural colors when the water is clear.	

ACCESS — BANK / KAYAK / BOAT

BANK

Fish from the public walkways at Dobbins Landing and along the Erie bayfront, or from the bay-side shoreline inside Presque Isle State Park. A small jig tipped with a minnow, fished close to the bottom, is the simple plan for perch. Expect cool starts in the upper 40s to low 50s, so dress in layers.

KAYAK

Launch at the Vista Launch inside Presque Isle State Park, which is recommended for small boats, and stay on the sheltered bay side. Never paddle out past the channel toward the open lake. Once you're over the drop-off, anchor or hold position and fish a jig and minnow straight down.

BOAT

Launch at the Lampe Marina launch on the bayfront, or at the Vista Launch inside the park for small boats only. There is no horsepower limit on the open bay. Use electronics to find schools of perch on the drop-offs and the trench, then anchor or hold on them and fish jigs or spreader rigs tipped with minnows.

LURE BOX

TOP

Small blade bait snapped off the bottom on the drop-offs. Small crankbait along the edges for smallmouth. Spoon cast toward the bayfront for a stray steelhead.

MID

Small jig tipped with a minnow for perch. Perch spreader rig with emerald shiners. Tube jig on the drop-offs for smallmouth.

BOTTOM

Jig and minnow worked slowly near the bottom. Drop shot with a small minnow bait on the trench edge. Slip bobber with a minnow from the bayfront walls.