FIVEMILE
GRAYSVILLE · CARDIFF · BROOKSIDE

THE OCTOBER 2026 EDITION

MONTHLY

October ran a little warmer than usual and came in wetter than usual, and Five Mile Creek rose over the high water line once.

This edition was put together on November 2, 2026 from our station, the creek gauge at Republic, the Birmingham airport record, and the stories that ran.

OCTOBER ALONG THE CREEK

WEATHER

Our station

HOTTEST	94° on Oct 1
COLDEST	35° on Oct 19
RAIN	4.01 in
DAYS OF 90° OR MORE	8

The average of the highs and lows came to 66.2 degrees, 1.3 degrees warmer than normal for October.

Our station measured 4.01 inches of rain, against a normal of 3.34 at the Birmingham airport. The wettest day was October 10, with 3.03 inches.

At the Birmingham airport, whose record goes back to 1930, it was the seventh warmest October on the books.

THE CREEK

Five Mile Creek at Republic

HIGHEST	3.79 ft on Oct 10
LOWEST	1.02 ft on Oct 2
DAYS AT HIGH WATER	1

It reached the high water line, 3.5 feet at Republic, on one day, in one separate rise.

Its highest reading, 3.79 feet on October 10, was higher than the 2.80 feet the creek reaches in a typical October since 2008.

The high water line is the one the masthead uses. It is not a flood stage, because this gauge does not have one.

STORIES

News page

GRAYSVILLE	7
CARDIFF	1
BROOKSIDE	25

163 stories ran in October, not counting obituaries.

Seven were about Graysville, one about Cardiff, and 25 about Brookside. The rest were about the county and the places around the three towns.

The story index starts on September 30.

SIGHTINGS

Three towns

NEW TO THE ROLL	1

One species was recorded in Graysville, Cardiff, and Brookside for the first time on file, among them Eastern Yellowjacket.

HOW THE CALLS DID

THE CALLS FOR OCTOBER

Temperature

NOAA	NO CALL
FIVEMILE	RIGHT

Set against the same month in 1991 to 2020 at the Birmingham airport, October finished in the warm third for temperature and the middle third for rain.

NOAA's outlook, issued September 30, had no lean either way on temperature, so there was nothing to score.

On rain it gave a 40 percent chance of a wetter than normal month, and that missed.

FIVEMILE called it warm, because after a warm September, October had come in warm in 18 of 33 years. That was right.

Since August 2014, NOAA's temperature outlook for these three towns has been right 65 times and missed 33 times, with no lean 47 times. FIVEMILE has been right all four times it has made a call since January 2026. A call made by guessing would be right about one time in three.

NOVEMBER AHEAD

THE OUTLOOK — November

NOAA	Slightly warmer
FIVEMILE	No call

NOAA's Climate Prediction Center gives these three towns a slight lean toward a warmer than normal November, and a 40 percent chance of a wetter than normal one.

FIVEMILE has no call for November. After a warm October, the record has no clear lean.

FIVEMILE does not call rain. In the airport record a wet month is followed by a wet one no more often than chance would have it.

NORMAL NOVEMBER — Birmingham airport

NORMAL HIGH	70° to 60°
NORMAL LOW	47° to 40°
NORMAL RAIN	4.23 in
RECORD HIGH	88° in 2016
RECORD LOW	5° in 1950

Normal highs at the Birmingham airport fall from 70 to 60 degrees over November, and normal rain for the month is 4.23 inches.

THE SUN — November

DAYLIGHT ON THE 1ST	10 h 49 m
ON THE 30TH	10 h 06 m

The days lose 43 minutes of daylight over November, from 10 hours and 49 minutes on the 1st to 10 hours and 6 minutes on the 30th.

DATES IN NOVEMBER

NOV
02

CIVIC · BROOKSIDE

Brookside Town Council meeting

Brookside's council meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 PM at Brookside Town Hall. When that Monday falls on a holiday the meeting moves to the second Monday.

NOV 04

CIVIC

Jefferson County tornado siren test

Jefferson County tests its outdoor warning sirens on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 AM. No action needed, it is a scheduled test.

NOV 05

CIVIC GRAYSVILLE

Graysville City Council meeting

Graysville's council meets twice a month, on the first and third Thursday, at 6:00 PM at Graysville City Hall.

NOV 10

CIVIC CARDIFF

Cardiff City Council meeting

Cardiff City Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

NOV 17

SKY

Leonid meteor shower peaks

One of the year's reliable meteor showers.

Wikipedia ↗ (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leonids)

NOV 19

CIVIC GRAYSVILLE

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WHERE THIS COMES FROM

The month's weather is the **FIVEMILE** weather station. Normals, ranks, records and the thirds a month is scored in are the official National Weather Service record kept at the Birmingham airport since 1930, set against 1991 to 2020. The creek is the USGS gauge on Fivemile Creek near Republic (https://waterdata.usgs.gov/monitoring-location/02457595/). The outlook is the monthly outlook from NOAA's Climate Prediction Center (https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/predictions/30day/), read at the middle of the three towns. The stories are the ones the news page ran, the sightings are iNaturalist's research grade records, and the dates are the calendar's. FIVEMILE's call is a rule written down in advance: it looks at how the month just gone finished and at what followed every earlier year that started the same way. Every sentence here was written ahead of time and filled in from those records, and no edition is changed after it runs.