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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Hunting Opportunities

WILMINGTON, N.C. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Wilmington District invites the public to participate in hunting opportunities at W. Kerr Scott Reservoir. W. Kerr Scott Reservoir now boasts a significant Canadian Goose population. The North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have announced the dates for the early resident Canadian Goose season as September 1-30, 2017.

Since this early season coincides with camping and day-use seasons for our parks, mandatory special permits will be issued free of charge to individuals interested in hunting areas zoned as NO HUNTING. New this year will be a lottery with designated dates for special permitted hunts. An application can be printed from our website listed below or obtained at our Visitor Assistance Center. The areas that will need a special hunt permit include the Dam face/Dark Mountain Park, Berry Mountain Park swim beach, and the Waterfowl Impoundment off Marley's Ford Road.

The designated dates for these special permitted hunts will be September 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 29, and 30. Permits will not be given for others dates. All applications will need to be received no later than August 12, 2017. Applications will have more information regarding hours of hunt and special access instructions. Areas typically open to waterfowl hunting per the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers W. Kerr Scott Reservoir Project map (available at the Visitor Assistance Center) will be open to hunting without special permit.

For further information, please go to the USACE website www.saw.usace.army.mil or contact the Visitor Assistance Center at 336-921-3390. You can also visit us at 499 Reservoir Road in Wilkesboro, NC.

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