

# JOHN H KERR LAKE, US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE), FIREARMS SAFETY INFORMATION MAP

John H Kerr Reservoir and the surrounding federal property are under the stewardship of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Portions of these public lands are leased to state and local governments and other organizations for management. The possession, open carry, and discharge of firearms for the purposes of hunting and fishing (bow fishing) and/or concealed carry of a handgun for personal protection may be authorized in certain areas. Open carry of firearms for personal protection is not authorized.

**Please review all of the following information and contact the appropriate managing agency if you have questions.**

- The possession and discharge of firearms on federal property at John H Kerr Reservoir are subject to the following:
  - 36 CFR 327.13 (a) The possession of loaded firearms, ammunition, loaded projectile firing devices, bows and arrows, crossbows, or other weapons is prohibited unless: (1) In the possession of a Federal, state or local law enforcement officer; (2) Being used for hunting or fishing, with devices being unloaded when transported to, from or between hunting and fishing sites. (3) Being used at authorized shooting ranges; (4) Written permission has been received from the District Commander*
  - 18 U.S.C. §930 Possession of firearms and dangerous weapons in Federal facilities*
- **Concealed Carry** of a handgun on federal property at Kerr Reservoir, including leased areas, is prohibited unless the individual has received written permission from the USACE Wilmington District Commander or their designee, in compliance with 36CFR327.13(a)(4). Concealed carry must be in full compliance with Federal, state and local laws, so may not be authorized in some areas. Please contact the USACE Kerr Reservoir Visitor Center for information on obtaining the required written authorization.
- **Open Carry** of firearms is authorized for the purposes of hunting and fishing (bow fishing) in compliance with 36CFR327.13(a)(2), in designated areas, during designated seasons, by properly licensed individuals, and in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws. Open carry of any firearm for personal protection is not authorized on federal property at Kerr Reservoir, including leased areas.
- There are no authorized shooting ranges at Kerr Reservoir.
- **USACE Managed Areas: 434-738-6143**
  - Firearms are prohibited inside posted federal facilities. (18U.S.C. §930(a))
  - Possession and discharge of firearms for hunting and fishing in compliance with applicable laws and with 36 CFR 327.13 (a)(2) is authorized, except in restricted areas.
  - Concealed carry of a handgun by individuals with written USACE authorization in compliance with 36CFR327.13(a)(4) and applicable laws is allowed, except where prohibited.
  - **USACE Firearms Safety Zone Restriction** - The discharge of firearms, projectile firing devices, bows and arrows, crossbows, or other weapons within, into, or across designated Firearms Safety Zones is prohibited.
    - The safety zone extends 100 yards (300 feet) from the shoreline.
    - The safety zone restriction prohibits the discharge of firearms.
    - The safety zone restriction does not prohibit the transport of unloaded firearms in compliance with 36CFR327.13(a)(2)
    - Unless otherwise prohibited, the safety zone restriction does not prohibit concealed carry of a loaded handgun in compliance with 36CFR327.13(a)(4) or the discharge of the handgun for the purpose of personal protection.
- **NC Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) Game Lands: 919-733-3391**
  - Possession and discharge of firearms for hunting and fishing in designated areas in compliance with NCWRC Regulations, applicable laws, and 36 CFR 327.13 (a) are authorized.
  - Concealed carry of a handgun by an individual with written USACE authorization in compliance with 36CFR327.13(a)(4), NCWRC Regulations and applicable laws is allowed, except where prohibited.
  - Reference Game Land maps and regulations for information on the location of safety and archery only zones on Game Lands.
- **Kerr Lake State Recreation Areas - NC Division of Parks and Recreation (NCDPR): 252-438-7791**
  - Hunting and fishing with firearms are prohibited.
  - Concealed carry of a handgun by individuals with written USACE authorization in compliance with 36CFR327.13(a)(4), NCDPR Regulations and applicable laws is allowed, except where prohibited.
- **Occoneechee State Park – Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (VDCR): 434-374-2210**
  - Possession and discharge of firearms for hunting and fishing in designated areas in compliance Virginia laws, park regulations, applicable laws, and 36 CFR 327.13 (a) are authorized.
  - Concealed carry of a handgun by individuals with written USACE authorization in compliance with 36CFR327.13(a)(4), VDCR Regulations and applicable laws is allowed, except where prohibited.
  - **Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) Hyco Landing and Clover Landing: 434-525-7522**
  - Possession and discharge of firearms for hunting and fishing in designated areas in compliance VDGIF regulations applicable laws, and 36 CFR 327.13 (a) are authorized.
  - Concealed carry of a handgun by individuals with written USACE authorization in compliance with 36CFR327.13(a)(4), with VDGIF Regulations and applicable laws is allowed, except where prohibited.
- **Other Lease Areas**
  - Hunting and fishing are prohibited without authorization from the lessee.
  - Transport of unloaded firearms for hunting and fishing in compliance with applicable laws and 36 CFR 327.13 (a)(2) is authorized.
  - Concealed carry of a handgun by individuals with written USACE authorization in compliance with 36CFR327.13(a)(4) and applicable laws is allowed unless otherwise prohibited.
- **Flowage Easements** - These areas are private property on which the government has purchased the right to impound water from the lake. Entry onto private property requires authorization from the property owner.

