

## **Working for the Corps of Engineers FAQs**

### **1. What types of Jobs are available at Wilmington District Lakes?**

Park Rangers - Series 025

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/0000/park-ranger-series-0025/>

Natural Resource Specialists - Series 0401

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/classification-qualifications/general-schedule-qualification-standards/0400/general-natural-resources-management-and-biological-sciences-series-0401/>

### **2. What do Park Rangers and Natural Resource Management Specialists do?**

#### **Recreation**

1.6 million visitors on average enjoy the five lakes in the Wilmington District each year.

Oversee recreation areas including campgrounds, boat ramps, hiking and biking trails, and bank fishing.

Provide interpretative programming to educate visitors on a wide range of topics from promoting water safety, USACE missions, to wildlife programs, etc... Patrol public lands and waters to ensure the safety of visitors and protection of property and natural resources.

#### **Environmental Stewardship**

Lake projects include over 120,000 acres of land and 80,000 acres of water with around 1300 miles of shoreline. Actively manage these public resources for forestry, game and non-game fish and wildlife species, and special status species.

Oversee approximately 5000 dock permits and hundreds of miles of property boundary.

Use GIS and GPS for data collection and analysis, assist with fisheries management, identify, and map invasive species, monitor special status species such as bald eagles and threatened and endangered plants.

### **3. How do I apply for a job with the US Army Corps of Engineers?**

Information on how to apply for jobs with the US Army Corps of Engineers is available at this link How to Apply - <https://www.usace.army.mil/Careers/How-to-Apply/>

### **4. Pay?**

GS Pay Scale – Pay range is based job duties, level of education, and experience. Job announcement will specify the possible pay range.

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2023/general-schedule>

### **5. Where are Job opportunities with the US Army Corps of Engineers posted?**

[www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)

### **6. Where are the jobs located?**

Falls Lake and B Everett Jordan Lake near Raleigh North Carolina

Philpott Lake near Bassett Virginia

W Kerr Scott Lake near Wilkesboro North Carolina

John H Kerr Lake on the border of North Carolina and Virginia

## **7. Where can I find more information?**

USACE Wilmington District Lakes - <https://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation.aspx>

Wilmington District Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/USACE.Wilmington>

John H Kerr Dam & Reservoir Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/JohnHKerrReservoirBuggsIslandLake/>

Philpott Lake Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/Philpott-Lake-740241476003294>

W Kerr Scott Dam & Reservoir Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/W-Kerr-Scott-Reservoir-USACE-Wilmington-District-159942874077118>

B. Everett Jordan Dam & Reservoir Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/JordanLakeNC>

Falls Lake Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/FallsLakeNC>

## **8. Information for Veterans**

With veterans' preference, you may receive preference over non-veteran applicants in the hiring process. Veterans' preference can be used when applying to permanent and temporary positions in both the competitive and excepted service (of the executive branch). To find out more visit this link:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/veterans/>

## **9. Students and Recent Graduates**

The Pathways Program offers federal internship and employment opportunities for current students and recent graduates

### Internship Program

This Program is designed to provide students enrolled in a wide variety of educational institutions, from high school to graduate level, with opportunities to work in agencies and explore Federal careers while still in school and while getting paid for the work performed. Students who successfully complete the program may be eligible for conversion to a permanent job in the civil service. Additional information about the Internship Program can be found at USAJOBS.

<https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/students/>

### Recent Graduates

The recent graduate program is for those who have graduated, within the past two years, from a qualifying educational institution or certificate program. The recent graduate program offers career development with training and mentorship. You must apply within two years of getting your degree or certificate (veterans have up to six years to apply due to their military service obligation).

Additional information: <https://www.usajobs.gov/Help/working-in-government/unique-hiring-paths/students/>