

Falls Lake, US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Firearms Safety Information Map

Falls Lake and the surrounding federal property are under the stewardship of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The majority of the property is leased to the State of North Carolina and managed by various state and local government agencies. The possession and discharge of firearms for the purposes of hunting and fishing (bow fishing) are authorized in certain areas.

The possession and discharge of firearms on federal property at Falls Lake 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;

This federal regulation applies to all areas at the lake, regardless of managing agency. However, additional restrictions apply in leased areas. The requirements for each management area are listed below:

- **USACE Management Area – Falls Dam and Tailrace: 919-846-9332**
 - Hunting and fishing with firearms and the transport of firearms in compliance with 36 CFR 327.13 (a) and NCWRC Game Lands Regulations are authorized.
 - **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 firearms in compliance with 36CFR327.13(a).
 - Firearms are prohibited inside federal facilities.**
- **NC Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC), Game Lands: 919-620-0089**
 - Possession and discharge of firearms for hunting and fishing in designated areas in compliance with NCWRC Regulations and 36 CFR 327.13 (a) are authorized.
 - Reference Game Land maps and regulations for information on the location of safety and archery only zones on Game Lands.
- **Falls Lake State Recreation Areas, NC Division of Parks and Recreation (NCDPR): 919-676-1027**
 - Hunting and fishing with firearms are prohibited.
 - Firearms are prohibited.**
- **Wake County Parks - Blue Jay Point Park: 919-870-4327**
 - Hunting and fishing with firearms are prohibited.
 - Firearms are prohibited.**
- **City of Raleigh Parks - Forest Ridge Park: 919-996-3285**
 - Hunting and fishing with firearms are prohibited.
 - Firearms are prohibited.**
- **NC Botanical Garden - Penny's Bend Nature Preserve: 919-962-0522**
 - Hunting and fishing with firearms are prohibited.
 - Firearms are prohibited.**

* There are no authorized shooting ranges at Falls Lake.
 ** Except for firearms in the possession of a Federal, state or local law enforcement officer.

