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## **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers boat ramps at Kerr (Buggs Island) Reservoir are back open**

**BOYDTON, V.A.** – With the recent heavy rains across the Roanoke watershed, the US Army Corps of Engineers has reopened all of their boat ramps on Kerr (Buggs Island) Reservoir. North Carolina State Parks have also opened ramps at Nutbush North and South, JC Cooper Campground, and Bullocksville, for additional information on these parks please call (252) 438-7791.

Starting Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> the Corps will begin charging their regular \$4.00 day use fee at all areas. To “avoid” the fee or worry of correct change, consider purchasing a Corps of Engineers Annual Pass. The pass is valid for a full 12 months from the date of purchase, and can be used at any US Army Corps of Engineers day use area nationwide! The Corps’ Annual Pass costs \$30 or \$15 if you have an America the Beautiful Senior or Access Pass (Golden Age Passports are still accepted.) *Please remember: the Corps’ Annual Pass is NOT valid at NC State Parks, Occoneechee State Park, or Staunton River State Park.*

At John H. Kerr (Buggs Island) Reservoir, there are two ways to purchase Annual Passes:

- **IN PERSON**—Drop by the Visitor Assistance Center at Kerr Dam. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **BY PHONE**—Use the convenience of your credit card and your phone! You may call our Visitor Assistance Center at: (434) 738-6143.

Remember when the lake rises quickly unsafe boating conditions are a major concern. Park Rangers remind boaters to use extreme caution when launching a boat and watch out for logs and pieces of floating debris in the lake. They should also be on the look out for submerged debris. Boaters need to slow down and be cautious while operating their vessels.

In any water condition it is always important to keep a life jacket on yourself and your family when in a boat or on the shoreline. It is the law for children under 13 to wear a Coast

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Guard-approved life jacket while underway. Water-based activities should never be conducted while under the influence of alcohol.

To obtain a daily report on lake level information and predictions you may call the Powerhouse at (434) 738-6633 x 275, or access the US Army Corps of Engineers website at <http://epec.saw.usace.army.mil/dailyrep.txt> .