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Nature Observation: Watchable Wildlife

The lands and waters of W. Kerr Scott Reservoir provide visitors with excellent opportunities to observe wildlife in its natural habitat. Wildlife management areas are open year-round for hiking, birding, photography, and wildlife observation. Many types of waterfowl can be viewed at various times of the year on and around the reservoir.

Our multi-purpose and interpretive trails provide opportunities to view birds, trees, mammals, reptiles,



For complete hunting and fishing regulations contact North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission at 800.628.3773 or online at www.ncwildlife.org/.

Hunting opportunities are available at six wildlife management areas, permitted shoreline, and open waters. Wildlife management areas are established NC Game Lands and can be found in the Regulation Digest. Fishing is permitted by vessel and along the shoreline including five fishing piers. Piers at Smithy's Creek and Keowee Park are ADA accessible.

Hunting and Fishing



Camping is available at Bandit's Roost, Fort Hamby, and Warrior Creek. All three campgrounds offer water and electric sites and tent sites. Group sites are available at each campground. Facilities at each campground include a shower house, dump station, swim beach, basketball court, playground equipment, and multi-purpose trails. Fort Hamby Park also includes a disc golf course, archery course, and the 900-seat Forest Edge Amphitheater.

Camping reservations are available and highly recommended. Camping reservations can be made by calling 877.444.6777 or go online at www.recreation.gov/.



Swim beaches open to the public are located at Berry Mountain, Boomer, and Fort Hamby parks. The swim beaches at Bandit's Roost and Warrior Creek campgrounds are for registered campers and their visitors only. Visitors are encouraged to wear life jackets. Visitors can check out a free life jacket at the gatehouse or life jacket loaner stations for use during their visit.

Swimming, wading, snorkeling, or scuba diving at one's own risk is permitted, except at boat launch ramps, certain mooring points, public docks, and other areas designated by the District Commander.

Swimming



For information concerning boating regulations and registration, please contact the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission at 800.628.3773 or online at www.ncwildlife.org/.

Seven boat ramps and three canoe launches are located around the reservoir for the convenience of boaters. All vessels must be operated in accordance with posted regulations and restrictions. Vessels must have safety equipment, including personal flotation devices, on board in compliance with U.S. Coast Guard boating safety requirements.



Use of the picnic shelters is free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis unless reserved. To make reservations call 877.444.6777 or go online at www.recreation.gov/. Reservations will be posted in a designated location on or near the shelters. For Laura Shelter and Forest Edge Amphitheater reservations, please contact the Visitor Assistance Center at 336.921.3390.

Visitors may reduce their cost by purchasing a US Army Corps of Engineers annual day use pass or America the Beautiful pass at the Visitor Assistance Center or at select gatehouses.

Recreational opportunities at W. Kerr Scott Dam and Reservoir include biking, boating, camping, fishing, hiking, hunting, picnicking, swimming, disc golfing, and archery. User fees are collected at the entrance of most recreation areas either by park attendant or honor vaults.

Recreation



Two wildlife viewing platforms are located at Dark Mountain Park and one at Marley's Ford waterfowl impoundment.

Trails

W. Kerr Scott Reservoir provides a multi-purpose trail system that is maintained by local partners. Brushy Mountain Cyclists Club, volunteers, and staff. All trails are open for pedestrian traffic and three are open to mountain biking including Dark Mountain, Overmountain Victory Trail (OVT), and Warrior Creek.

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W. Kerr Scott Dam and Reservoir Facts

The dam is composed of random earth fill, a sand chimney drain, and a core trench that is filled with selected impervious materials.

Dam

Top elevation 1107.5' MSL*
Maximum height 148'
Length 1750'
Top width 30'
Maximum base width 870'

Spillway

Crest elevation 1075' MSL
Width 400'

Outlet Works

Number of outlet gates 2
Diameter of outlet 12.25'

Pool

Elevation of conservation pool 1030' MSL
Elevation of maximum flood pool 1075' MSL
Elevation of minimum pool 1000' MSL

Size

Reservoir at conservation pool 1475 acres
Reservoir at maximum flood pool 4000 acres
Public Lands 2279 acres

*Mean Sea Level

W. Kerr Scott Dam and Reservoir

Physical Address
499 Reservoir Rd 336.921.3390
Wilkesboro, NC 28697

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

Phone Numbers

Bandit's Roost Campground 336.921.3190
Berry Mountain Park 336.921.2703
Boomer Park 336.921.2903
Fort Hamby Park & Campground 336.973.0104
Warrior Creek Campground/Keowee 336.921.2177
Wilkes Skyline Marina 336.921.3783

Social Media

Website www.saw.usace.army.mil/Locations/DistrictLakesandDams/WKerrScott.aspx
Facebook [www.facebook.com/ W-Kerr-Scott-Reservoir-USACE-Wilmington-District-159942874077118/](http://www.facebook.com/W-Kerr-Scott-Reservoir-USACE-Wilmington-District-159942874077118/)

Emergency Information

North Carolina State Highway Patrol 919.733.7952
Motorists traveling through the state who need assistance may dial *47 which is *HP on a cellular phone.
NC Wildlife Resources Commission 888.248.6834
To Report Boating and Wildlife Violations 800.662.7137
Wilkes County Sheriff's Department 336.990.0228
FAA Weather Briefing 800.992.7433
Wake Forest Baptist Health 336.651.8100
Wilkes Medical Center

Corps Watch

Call this number if you witness vandalism or destruction of government property. 1.866.413.7970

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Welcome



The US Army Corps of Engineers and the State of North Carolina Welcome You to W. Kerr Scott Dam and Reservoir!

W. Kerr Scott Dam and Reservoir is located in the Yadkin River Valley situated near the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains of western North Carolina. This man-made lake offers extensive opportunities for outdoor recreational activities.

In 1929, the first studies to control the upper Yadkin River were started. The Wilkesboro Dam and Reservoir Project was authorized for construction by the Flood Control Act which was approved on July 24, 1946.

During the intervening years between 1929 and 1960 various investigations, studies, and reports were completed to determine the most desirable type system to harness the flood waters of the Yadkin River and prevent a recurrence of the damaging floods such as those that occurred during 1899, 1916, and 1940.

History

Congress authorized the Wilkesboro Dam and Reservoir in 1960 and construction began in September of that year. In August of 1962, the Dam and Reservoir construction phase was completed for the purposes of flood control and water supply.

In 1963, the official name was changed by Congress to "W. Kerr Scott Dam and Reservoir" in honor of former Governor and US Senator from North Carolina, William Kerr Scott. Senator Scott was instrumental in obtaining approval for the construction of the dam and reservoir. He was also well known for his work as a farmer and dairyman and his interest in the development of water resources.



Water Supply

The project's four primary purposes are flood control, water supply, recreation, and fish and wildlife conservation. In order to serve its authorized purposes, the reservoir level is maintained during normal times at the top of conservation pool (elevation 1030 feet above mean sea level). While this operation can be followed during most years and does provide nearly ideal conditions, there are times when inflows into the reservoir must rise into the flood control pool if damaging flows downstream are to be prevented.

In periods of drought, the level must be drawn down to provide necessary flows downstream. As a result of fluctuating lake levels, some recreation areas will be temporarily closed.

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Flood Control

The US Army Corps of Engineers manages the Yadkin River by capturing excess floodwaters and regulating daily flows. Water moves from the upstream reservoir through an approach channel and into an intake tower. Here you find two 5-ton steel gates, each 6 by 12.25 feet. The service gates are adjusted regularly to control the water flow downstream.

A concrete conduit at the base of the dam then carries the water allowed through the gates 749 feet to the downstream stilling basin. Regulated water releases provide a normal conservation pool for flood control, water supply, recreation, and fish and wildlife conservation.

Volunteer Program

America's public lands and natural resources are a national treasure. Developing trails and other ways for the general public to interact with the outdoors provides the framework for a new generation of those interested in America's resources.

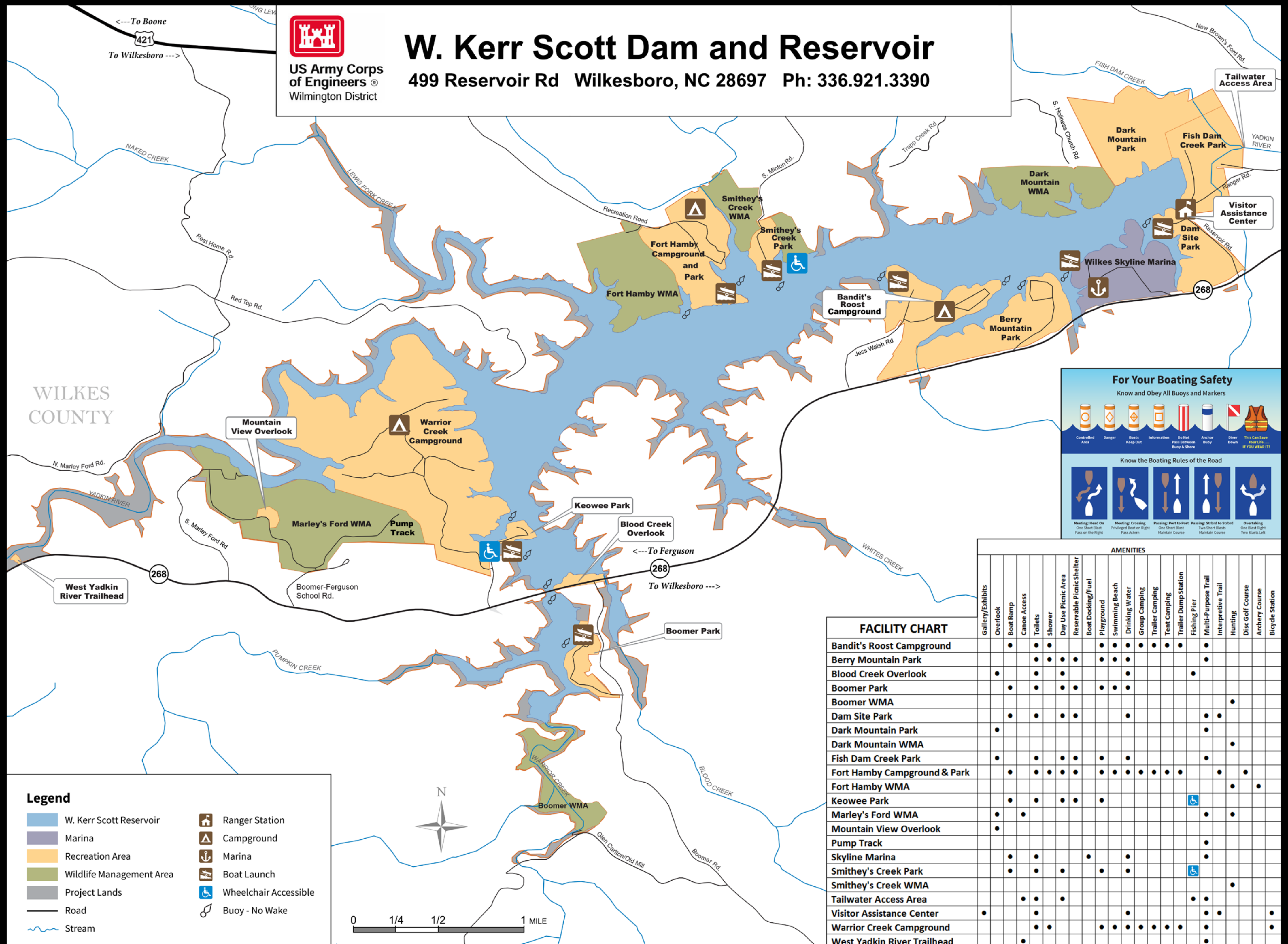
The US Army Corps of Engineers invites you to become a volunteer. If you would like to volunteer your time and skills by performing services such as maintaining trails, improving natural resources habitat, conducting environmental educational programs, or lake clean-up, please contact the Visitor Assistance Center. If you are interested in volunteering at a different US Army Corps of Engineers project, please visit www.volunteer.gov/.





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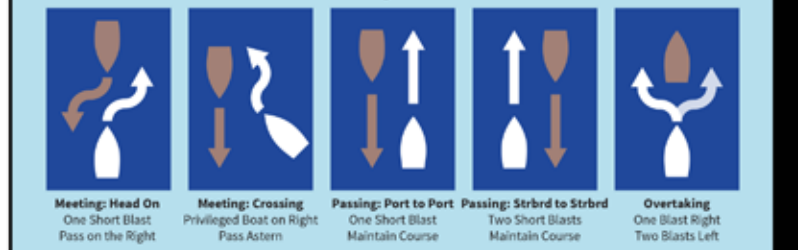


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Know the Boating Rules of the Road



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Bandit's Roost Campground			•		•	•				•	•	•	•	•	•	•											
Berry Mountain Park					•	•	•	•		•	•	•															
Blood Creek Overlook		•		•	•					•							•										
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Fish Dam Creek Park		•		•		•	•			•		•												•			
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Mountain View Overlook		•																									
Pump Track																								•			
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Visitor Assistance Center		•			•							•												•	•		
Warrior Creek Campground					•	•					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•								•	
West Yadkin River Trailhead				•																				•			