

# W KERR SCOTT LAKE, US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE), FIREARMS SAFETY INFORMATION

W Kerr Scott Lake and the surrounding federal property are under the stewardship of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). 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 in compliance with applicable laws and regulations may be authorized in certain areas. Open carry of any firearm for personal protection is not authorized on federal property at W Kerr Scott Lake, including leased areas.

**Please review all of the following information and contact the USACE W Kerr Scott Lake Visitor Assistance Center if you have questions.**

- The possession and discharge of firearms on federal property at W Kerr Scott Lake are subject to the following:

*36 CFR 327.13 Explosives, firearms, other weapons and fireworks (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 W Kerr Scott Lake 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 W Kerr Lake Visitor Assistance 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 W Kerr Scott Lake, including leased areas.
- Firearms are prohibited inside posted federal facilities (18U.S.C. §930(a))
- 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.
  - Safety Zones are enforced under 36 CFR 327.12 Restrictions (a).
  - 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 36 CFR 327.13 (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.
- Fort Hamby Archery Course**
  - The use of archery equipment for target practice is authorized at the Archery Course in compliance with course rules.
  - The course is for archery only.
  - There are no other authorized firearms shooting ranges at W Kerr Scott Lake.
  - Concealed carry of a handgun by individuals with written USACE authorization in compliance with applicable laws and 36CFR327.13(a)(4) is allowed.
- Skyline Marina Lease Area**
  - Hunting and fishing with firearms are prohibited.
  - Transport of unloaded firearms for hunting and fishing in compliance with applicable laws and 36 CFR 327.13 (a)(2) is authorized.
  - Concealed carry by individuals with written USACE authorization in compliance with applicable laws and 36CFR327.13(a)(4) is allowed, except in posted areas.

