

JOHN H KERR RESERVOIR, US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE), UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS) INFORMATION MAP

John H Kerr Reservoir and the surrounding federal property are under the stewardship of the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Some areas are leased to state and local governments and other organizations for management. Operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), also known as drones or remote control aircraft, may be authorized in the Hobby/Recreational Flight Areas and Permit Only Areas as specified below.

Unauthorized operation of UAS is a violation of Title 36 CFR 327.4 Aircraft and/or 327.12 Restrictions.

Hobby/Recreational UAS Flight Areas:

No permit required for individuals operating hobby/recreational UAS. All land and water areas not designated as permit only areas and no fly zones are included. A USACE special use permit is required for group activities and special events.

UAS No Fly Zone: UAS are prohibited. Areas around Kerr Dam and Island Creek Dam, and the designated seaplane landing areas are UAS No Fly Zones.

UAS Permit Only Areas: A permit is required for UAS operations. Contact the managing agency for the area regarding permit requirements.

All USACE Recreation Areas and all lease areas are permit only areas. The UAS permit only area extends 100 yards (300 feet) from the shoreline. Hobby/Recreational UAS operations by individuals will not be authorized in UAS permit only areas at Kerr Lake.

Commercial UAS Operations at any location on government property at Kerr Lake require a permit from the USACE Operations Project Manager.

Flowage Easements - These areas are private property on which the government has purchased the right to impound water from the lake. Entry onto private property requires authorization from the property owner.

UAS engaged on official business of Federal, state or local governments or law enforcement agencies; or used in response to emergencies threatening human life or serious property loss may be operated on government property without prior USACE authorization. Whenever possible the government entity, law enforcement, or emergency responders should provide prior notification and/or an after action report to the Operations Project Manager.

For more information, please contact the USACE and/or the agency managing the area.

Contacts:

- USACE: 434-738-6143
- North Carolina State Recreation Areas, NC Division of Parks and Recreation (NCDPR): 252-438-7791
- NC Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) Game Lands: 919-733-3391
- Oconeechee State Park, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (VDCR): 434-374-2210
- Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF): 434-525-7522

