

## Regulation & Policy

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at John H. Kerr Dam & Reservoir allows the use of metal detectors on federal lands in accordance with our Title 36 Rules and Regulations that govern the public use of Corps of Engineers water resources development projects.

**Title 36 327.14 (c)** states “The use of metal detectors is permitted on designated beaches or other previously disturbed places unless prohibited...”.

Our policy at John H. Kerr Dam & Reservoir permits:

- Metal detecting on **designated beach areas only**.
- Designated beaches are marked by signs, buoys, and swim lines. (See map or middle panel for locations).
- Digging is not permitted.
- If holes are somehow created, they must be filled in.
- Items of \$100 or more in value must be turned in to our Main Office (1930 Mays Chapel Rd Boynton, VA 23917) and entered in to our Lost & Found Program.
- You must be camping in the park to metal detect on a campground beach.

For more information on metal detecting or Title 36 Rules and Regulations, please give us a call at (434) 738-6143.

## Designated Corps of Engineers Beach Areas

- Palmer Point Day Use Beach
- North Bend Park Day Use Beach
- North Bend Campground Beaches A,B,C,D & Mays Chapel Beach\*
- Rudds Creek Day Use Beach
- Rudds Creek Campground Beach\*
- Longwood Day Use Beach
- Buffalo Day Use Beach
- Grassy Creek Day Use Beach
- Ivy Hill Day Use Beach

\*To metal detect at a campground beach you must be camping in that park..

**\*Metal detecting is not permitted in North Carolina or Virginia State Parks on John H. Kerr/Buggs Island Lake.**

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## Metal Detecting Use Policy

### John H. Kerr Dam & Reservoir



John H. Kerr Reservoir (Buggs Island Lake), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



**\*Also known as Buggs Island Lake**  
**Managed by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District**  
**Visitor Assistance Center located 1/2 mile southwest of dam**  
**on Virginia S.R. # 678 (Mays Chapel Rd)**

A horizontal scale bar with tick marks at 0, 0.5, 1, 2, 3, and 4 miles. The bar is divided into segments: 0 to 0.5 miles is dark gray, 0.5 to 1 mile is light gray, 1 to 2 miles is dark gray, 2 to 3 miles is light gray, and 3 to 4 miles is dark gray. The word "Miles" is written at the right end of the bar.



South Hill

