

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Poe's Ridge Permit Hunting Area
Public Hunting Guide**



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Poe's Ridge Permit Hunting Program
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
B Everett Jordan Lake

Thank you for your interest in public hunting opportunities in the Poe's Ridge Recreation Area. Beginning in May 2015 a portion of Poe's Ridge Recreation Area managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has been reserved for permit hunting (see map). A handicap accessible type hunting blind set in a naturally wooded environment is provided by the Corps and available for reservation. This booklet is intended to give you an overview of the rules and regulations that apply to the Poe's Ridge Permit Hunting Area (PHA). If you are interested in finding more information about the program or the PHA you can speak with one of our park rangers or natural resources specialists at the Corps' Visitor Assistance Center or by telephone at (919) 542-4501.

The Poe's Ridge Permit Hunting Program is dynamic and may continue to change as a result of public comments or changes in state and federal rules and regulations. Please check with us each year for possible changes. Also, please realize that game animals are a state resource; North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) rules and regulations apply with regard to deer taken, manner of take, harvest reporting, season, hours, and licensing.

<http://www.ncwildlife.org/Hunting/LawsSafety.aspx#60911-hunting-regulations>

Your safety is our concern. Hunting in Poe's Ridge PHA is a unique recreation opportunity and a valuable natural resources management tool. Poe's Ridge Recreation Area is a multipurpose public recreation area so hunters may encounter other visitors. The safety of all visitors is our highest priority. Hunters are required to follow all Corps rules and regulations as well as state law. Please help to ensure that the hunting program continues to be a safe and enjoyable experience for years to come.

Information on the Poe's Ridge PHA is available on the Jordan Dam's webpage <http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Locations/DistrictLakesandDams/BEverettJordan.aspx>. We also invite you to visit our national website at <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil>. This website provides an overview of the Corps natural resources and recreation programs. The Wilmington District website at <http://www.saw.usace.army.mil> includes links to general information for each lake in the District. Although there are no campsites at Poe's Ridge you might also consider visiting another website at <http://www.recreation.gov>. Through this site, you can reserve campsites at most federal recreation agency campgrounds.

B. Everett Jordan Dam and Lake Information

POE'S RIDGE RECREATION AREA:

<http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/Locations/DistrictLakesandDams/BEverettJordan.aspx>

2080 Jordan Dam Road	County:	Chatham
PO Box 144	PHA Acreage:	264 acres
Moncure, NC 27559	POC:	John Henry Rochevot
Phone: (919) 542 - 4501	e-mail:	Jordan@usace.army.mil

POE'S RIDGE ADMINISTRATION: US Army Corps of Engineers

POE'S RIDGE PHA PERMIT: The PHA permit is not a season long permit. It reserves the right to hunt during a 2 week period (Sunday excluded). The permit is required to hunt at Poe's Ridge Permit Hunting Area and is issued at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at B. Everett Jordan Dam & Lake Visitor Assistance Center to disabled visitors and one companion. The applicant must present a current North Carolina Hunting License to qualify for a permit.

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE BLIND: The Corps provides one handicap accessible type hunting blind set in a naturally wooded environment. This blind is available for reservation to persons with limited physical mobility on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please contact Natural Resources Specialist John Henry Rochevot for dates of availability.

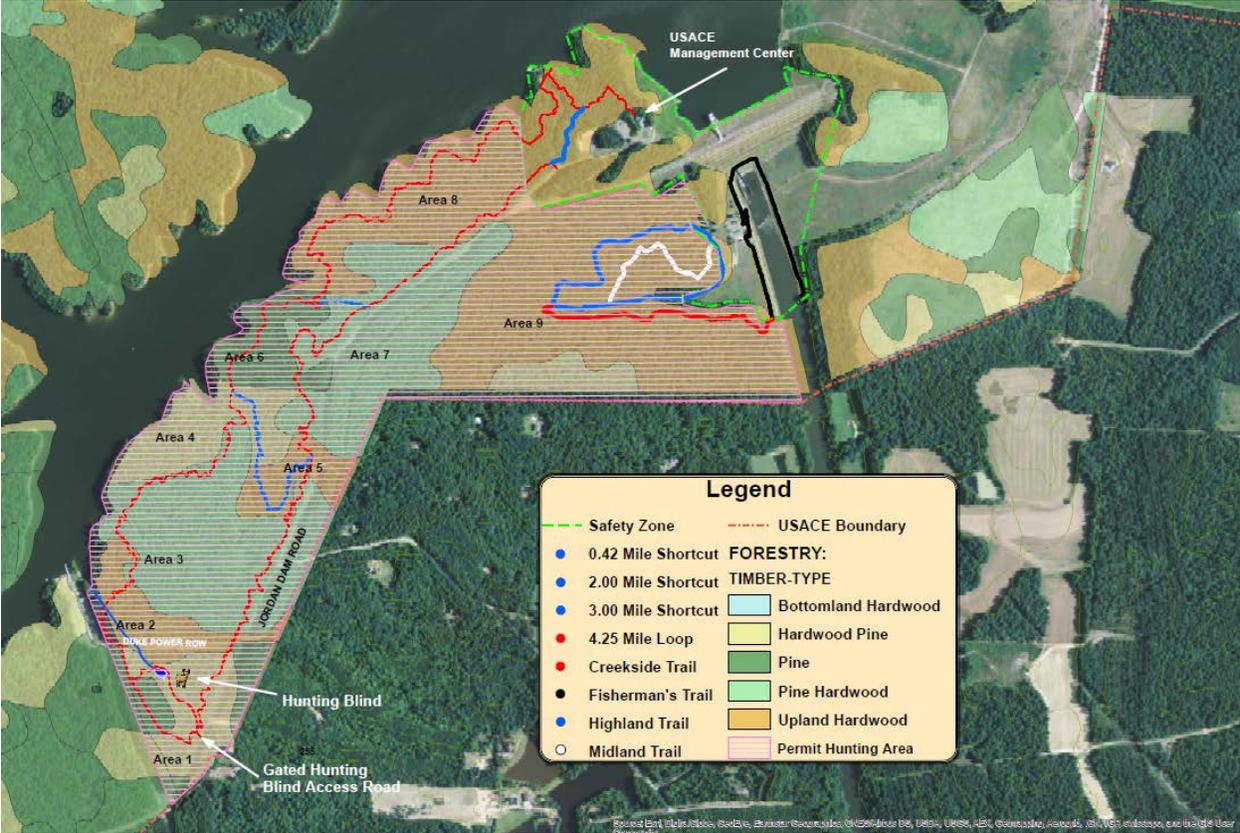
LEGAL GAME: Permits are authorized for deer hunting only.

SEASONS: Deer season shooting hours and bag limits set in the NCWRC Regulation Digest for the Jordan Game Lands will be applied in the Poe's Ridge PHA, unless otherwise specified.

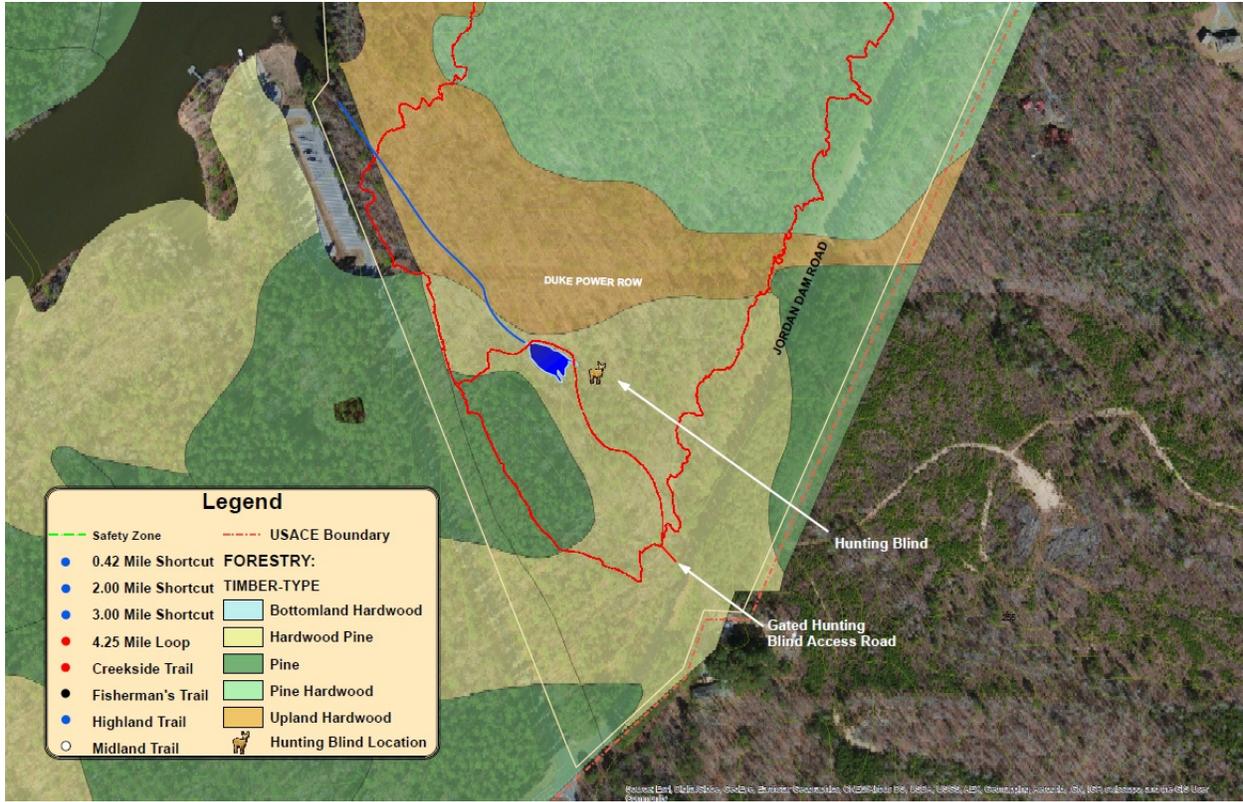
FIREARMS AUTHORIZED for HUNTING: Archery equipment, shotguns, and black power weapons as identified in NCWRC Regulation Digest may be used to take deer in the Poe's Ridge PHA. All other firearms or manner of take are prohibited. Buckshot larger than #2 shot is prohibited.

The information contained herein is a general guideline for the Poe's Ridge Hunting Program. Guidelines may vary from year to year as a result of site specific conditions and comments. Please utilize the contact information above to contact the lake office for permits and specific hunting information.

Poe's Ridge Permit Hunting Area



PHA Blind



Frequently Asked Questions about the Hunting Program

1. What are the requirements to hunt in this area of Corps of Engineers property?

The Poe's Ridge PHA is reserved for deer hunting only. The PHA is open to all NC licensed hunters. Hunters must carry the following documentation with them at all times while hunting:

- a. a valid Corps Poe's Ridge PHA Permit
- b. A valid state hunting license or be in compliance with state youth hunting regulations
- c. a valid driver license or other picture ID

Hunters are required to comply with Corps regulations, the rules in this hunting area guide, and all state and federal hunting laws. Hunters are advised to contact the NCWRC for specific hunting license requirements.

2. What is a Poe's Ridge PHA Permit?

The PHA permit is not a season long permit. A permit reserves the right to hunt during a 2 week period (Sunday excluded). A PHA hunting permit is a document required to hunt in Poe's Ridge permit hunting area and issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at B. Everett Jordan Dam & Lake Visitor Assistance Center. It's valid only when used by the individual(s) named on the document, while hunting in Poe's Ridge permit hunting area during the time frame reserved on the permit. Failure to comply with PHA permit conditions and state/federal hunting regulations will result in revocation of the PHA permit and loss of PHA hunting privileges for up to two years.

3. Why is the Corps issuing a PHA permits to hunt in this area?

In addition to allowing the Corps to offer opportunities to hunters with disabilities; the permit hunting program helps to prevent overcrowding, ensure public safety, and improve management of the wildlife resources in this area.

4. How do I obtain a Poe's Ridge PHA Permit?

PHA hunting permits are issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at B. Everett Jordan Dam & Lake Visitor Assistance Center and are valid only at Poe's Ridge permit hunting area for the reserved amount of time. First time recipients must apply in person. Youth under the age of 16 must hunt under the supervision of a licensed parent or guardian. Returning hunters must renew their permits for each hunting event and can do so via e-mail. Hunters are advised to call or write the office to obtain more information.

5. What are the minimum age restrictions for the PHA?

Any disabled person with the proper documentation and a valid NCWRC hunting license may obtain a permit to hunt inside Poe's Ridge PHA with the following

exception:

- a. Youth under the age of 16 can hunt only under the immediate supervision of a permitted and licensed supervising parent or guardian accompanying them at all times.

7. What documentation serves as proof of a medical determination of a permanent disability?

To reserve the hunting blind the applicant must submit one of the following documents as proof of a permanent disability:

- a. A statement signed by a licensed physician attesting that the applicant has a permanent physical, mental, or sensory impairment that severely limits one or more major life activity.
- b. A document issued by a federal agency, such as the Veteran's Administration, which attests that the applicant has been medically determined to be eligible to receive federal benefits as a result of disability. Other acceptable federal agency documents include proof of receipt of Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) due to disability.
- c. A document issued by a state agency, such as the vocational rehabilitation agency, which attests that the applicant has been medically determined to be eligible to receive that agencies benefits or services as a result of medically determined permanent disability. Showing a state motor vehicle department disability sticker, license plate, or hang tag is not acceptable documentation.

8. What are the seasons, shooting hours, and bag limits in the Poe's Ridge PHA?

All seasons, shooting hours, and bag limits set in the NCWRC Regulation Digest for the Jordan Game Lands will be applied in the Poe's Ridge PHA, unless otherwise specified. While the Poe's Ridge PHA is not part of the NCWRC game lands, use of the same seasons, hunting hours, and bag limits provide continuity for the hunters utilizing both areas. Hunters are advised to contact the NCWRC for specific hunting requirements.

The Corps may at any point change this practice. Hunters with permits will be notified of any changes.

9. How much does it cost to obtain a Poe's Ridge PHA Permit?

At this time the Corps does not charge for the Poe's Ridge PHA permit.

10. Are there weapons restrictions on public hunting areas?

Archery equipment, shotguns, and black power weapons as identified in NCWRC Regulation Digest may be used to take game in the Poe's Ridge PHA. All other firearms or manner of take are prohibited. Buckshot larger than #2 shot is prohibited.

11. Must I wear hunter orange?

All hunters are required to wear hunter or blaze orange visible from all sides and some type of orange head wear when in the PHA.

12. Are there any special allowances for individuals with disabilities?

Access to a handicap accessible type blind and to the interior of the PHA by vehicles may be authorized for the transport of persons with disabilities to and from the hunting site. Permitted hunters with impaired mobility may apply for authorization to reserve the blind or enter a hunting area by means other than foot. The applicant must present proof of that condition to qualify for vehicle use inside a hunting area. Site managers have the discretion to approve or deny any application based on natural resources protection, safety, or other concerns. If approved, a permit specifying time and duration of hunting availability may be issued to the person with the disability. Vehicle access will be via authorized pathways only. Vehicles must be parked in Corps designated areas or along roadsides without blocking the passage of other vehicles or gate openings. Parking on public roadways is at your own risk.

13. What game species may be hunted in Poe's Ridge PHA?

The only authorized game allowed to be taken is deer.

14. May I target shoot in Poe's Ridge PHA?

No: Target shooting is prohibited on federal property at Jordan Lake. Discharging any weapon (including archery equipment) is allowed only during authorized hunting activities and only during the attempt to take game.

15. May I trap animals on Corps of Engineers lands?

No: Trapping is prohibited in the Poe's Ridge PHA.

16. Who enforces the hunting laws and regulations in Poe's Ridge PHA?

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Park Rangers enforce the rules, regulations, and safety requirements of the Corps of Engineers hunting program. State Wildlife Officers as well as local law enforcement personnel enforce the state and federal hunting laws.

17. Is baiting allowed on Corps of Engineers hunting lands?

No: A hunter may not hunt with the aid of bait.

Note: Hunters are responsible for knowing whether an area is baited or not.

18. Is hunting permitted on Sunday in the Poe's Ridge PHA?

No: Hunting on Sunday is not permitted in the Poe's Ridge PHA.

19. Is the entire Poe's Ridge Recreation Area included in the Poe's Ridge PHA?

No: Portions of the Poe's Ridge Recreation area around the Visitor Center, Dam, and Tail Race Day Use Area are declared a safety zone and closed to hunting. The portion of Poe's Ridge on the east side of the river is Jordan game land and is open to all for public hunting. Please reference the Poe's Ridge Permit Hunting Area map.

20. Is hunting with dogs permitted in the Poe's Ridge PHA?

No: Hunting with dogs is not permitted in the Poe's Ridge PHA.

21. Can I use a tree stand or blind?

Yes: Temporary non-bark penetrating portable tree stands, as well as temporary free-standing blinds such as tent-style and natural blinds are allowed. Each blind must be completely removed from the PHA upon completion of each hunting day.

All blinds must have the hunter's name, date of installation, address, and phone number written legibly and placed at the entry point of the blind in a conspicuous location. If proper identification is not present, the structure may be impounded and/or removed.

The Corps provides one handicap accessible type blind available for reservation on a first-come, first-serve basis to persons with limited physical mobility. The applicant must present proof of disability to qualify for reservation of the blind. Please note the blind is in a naturally wooded environment.

Natural blinds may be constructed by gathering loose and/or dead vegetation. Cutting of grass, shrubs, trees, or any other vegetation is strictly prohibited.

22. How do I reserve the Corps' hunting blind in the Poe's Ridge PHA?

There is one blind in Poe's Ridge PHA available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Persons with limited physical mobility may reserves the right to hunt during a 2 week period (Sunday excluded). The applicant must present proof of disability to qualify for reservation of the blind. Upon approval of the permit the applicant must obtain the permit and key to the blind from the Corps office. The applicant is responsible for returning the key to the Corps office upon completion of the reservation. Failure to return the key will result in revocation of the PHA permits and loss of PHA hunting privileges. Please contact natural resources specialist John Henry Rochevot for dates of availability.

HUNTING PERMIT APPLICATION

B. Everett Jordan Dam and Lake

Disclaimer and Waiver of Liability

This liability statement allows entry upon lands owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for hunting. Permittee is not allowed to hunt until statement is signed. The Corps of Engineers does not know the proficiency of the other participating hunters, and the Corps specifically does not make any warranty or representation of any type, kind or character, whatsoever, as to existing conditions upon said lands for hunting purposes. Any person entering upon such lands enters at his or her own risk, accepts such lands in the existing conditions, and recognizes that all hunting is potentially dangerous because of the use of firearms/bows by hunters of varying degrees of proficiency, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in this public hunting program, I as parent or guardian of any accompanied minor, unconditionally release and hold harmless the Corps of Engineers against and for all liability, cost, expense, claims and damages for which the Corps might otherwise become liable by reason of any accidents, or injuries to or death of any persons, or damage to property or both, in any manner arising or resulting from, caused by, connected with or related to the presence of such person upon such lands and premises, regardless of how, where, or when such injury, death, or damage occurs even if caused by the negligence of the Corps of Engineers, its agents, servants, or employees, or due to conditions or operation on or defects in the premises. I, the Permittee, have read this release and understand all its terms. I execute it voluntarily with full knowledge of its significance.

Signature: _____

Applicant Name: _____
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial)

Companion: _____
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone numbers: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email: _____

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE)

Dates Permitted: _____

Permit # BEJ16-_____ **Blind Access:** _____ **Vehicle Access:** _____

Signature: _____

Hunting Permit Mail in Instructions

To receive a hunting permit by mail, fill out the Hunting Permit Application on the previous page and submit with the following documents: Please note new users must apply in person. Additional copies of this waiver can be obtained at the Corps office located at 2080 Jordan Dam Road, Moncure, NC 27559.

- A valid state hunting license or be in compliance with state youth hunting regulations
- Provide documentation of permanent disability (see below)
- A copy of a valid picture identification (example: Driver's license)
- A copy of your address (if different than Driver's license) or return email address

The application and documentation should be mailed to:

US Army Corps of Engineers
Attn: Hunting Program, B. Everett Jordan Dam and Lake
P.O. Box 144
Moncure, North Carolina 27559

The applicant must submit one of the following documents as proof of a permanent disability:

- d. A statement signed by a licensed physician attesting that the applicant has a permanent physical, mental, or sensory impairment that severely limits one or more major life activity.
- e. A document issued by a federal agency, such as the Veteran's Administration, which attests that the applicant has been medically determined to be eligible to receive federal benefits as a result of disability. Other acceptable federal agency documents include proof of receipt of Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) due to disability.
- f. A document issued by a state agency, such as the vocational rehabilitation agency, which attests that the applicant has been medically determined to be eligible to receive that agencies benefits or services as a result of medically determined permanent disability. Showing a state motor vehicle department disability sticker, license plate, or hang tag is not acceptable documentation.

Failure to include any of the above items may result in the application being discarded.