

Visit Mecklenburg County and Kerr Lake



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Kerr Lake (officially known as John H. Kerr Reservoir, or locally as Buggs Island Lake), is Virginia's largest with 50,000 acres of water and over 800 miles of shoreline. It is one of the most beautiful, serene, uncrowded lakes one can find on the East Coast, and at the head of the lake visitors will find John H. Kerr Dam, the 4th largest dam in the United States. Boydton, the county seat for Mecklenburg County, sits about halfway between the dam and Clarksville.

Visitors will find outstanding fishing and camping around the lake, as well as two waterfront hotels, rental homes, cabins, dining, boat and kayak rentals, 3 marinas and Clarksville, Virginia's only lakeside town. The large town of South Hill acts as a gateway into the region, offering larger stores and well-known chain hotels, and its location on I-85 grants easy access to the metropolitan centers of Richmond and Raleigh/Durham.

Kerr Lake also makes up the lower half of the Southern Virginia Wild Blueway, which stretches west into Halifax County and also includes the Banister, Dan and Staunton Rivers. Over 32 public access points await the quickly growing number of visiting paddlers to the area. 16 free-access Wildlife Management Areas offer hunters 9,200 acres of wilderness, as well as over 47 miles of trails for hikers, bikers and horseback riders.

Visitors will also notice a big difference between Kerr Lake and other lakes in Virginia – there is almost no shoreline development. The Corps of Engineers owns and manages the lake and nearly all of its shoreline – therefore, it is public water and public shoreline that you can safely moor up to, and development is not allowed on the shoreline. There are, however, over 600 campsites on the lake between Corps and State Park facilities, and rental homes set just back into the trees abound, enticing visitors year-round from the entire Mid-Atlantic region.

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