Kerr Lake State Recreation Area is located right on the Virginia border, spanning Vance and Warren counties. It consists of seven access areas that surround the 50,000-acre man-made reservoir. Hundreds of campsites are scattered throughout the park’s 3,376 acres of wooded shoreline, and several boat ramps offer access to renowned fishing spots on the lake.

**Fun Facts**

- The park was established in 1975.
- Occaneechi Indians, who once inhabited the Kerr Lake area, benefited from the regular floods that left behind rich farmland.
- In the 1940s, the development of houses in the area led cities to seek a way to generate electricity and control flooding.
- The reservoir is an impoundment of the Roanoke River, with several smaller creeks also feeding into it.
- Virginians know the reservoir as Buggs Island Lake, named after an early settler in the area.
- The reservoir is owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and managed by N.C. State Parks.
- At its maximum capacity, the reservoir is one of the largest in the southeastern United States.
- The reservoir’s dam, located in Mecklenburg County, Va., generates an average of 426 million kilowatt hours per year.
- The reservoir provides fish and wildlife conservation, as well as water resource and forest management.
- The reservoir was completed in 1952, after four years of construction.

**Experience the Park!**

- Over 600 family campsites
- The reservoir is named for John H. Kerr, a U.S. congressman from Yanceyville, who supported its creation.

**Activities**

- The recreation area is a haven for water sports including boating, sailing, paddling and water skiing.
- American hazelnut grows in the area and lends its name to Nutbush Creek, which feeds into Kerr Lake.
- Birds at the park include blue herons, egrets, belted kingfishers and double-breasted cormorants.

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