

Clarksville...Virginia's Only Lakeside Town!

It's the lifestyle that attracts visitors to Clarksville and keeps them coming back year after year...of for a lifetime. It's the friendly people, small town charm, low cost of living, mild climate, and recreational opportunities that makes Clarksville a great place to visit and an even better place to call home.

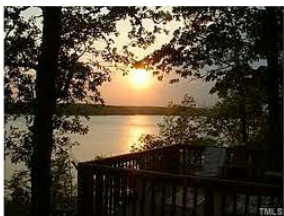


While things move at a more leisurely pace in Clarksville, the town continues to move forward to embrace the changing economy and provide a 21st century approach to the historical charm that brought Clarksville to where it is today. It's a town of new opportunity built on a history of trade.



The rivers which brought the tobacco trade to Clarksville now feed the lake that provides the economic and recreational backbone of the Clarksville community.

Buggs Island Lake/John H. Kerr Reservoir



Buggs Island Lake is the largest lake in Virginia and one of the most scenic in the south. Clarksville is the only incorporated town on this 50,000+ acre lake (or any Virginia lake for that matter). Created for flood and hydroelectric power in the mid-20th century, the lake extends 39 miles from the John H. Kerr Dam up the Roanoke River.

The lake offers some of the best fishing on the East Coast and is a haven for outdoor recreation including boating, skiing, and swimming. Wildlife is plentiful along the 800 miles of wooded shoreline, where you might see a Bald Eagle, heron, or other migratory waterfowl.



Around the lake you can find many day-use areas, 30 boat launches and secluded lakefront residential properties. The lake also offers a fishing pier to meet the needs of handicapped fishing enthusiast.



Fishing



With 50,000 acres of fresh water filled with white, striped, and largemouth bass, catfish, crappie, and walleye. Buggs Island Lake has been home to many fishing tournaments sponsored by such organizations as Virginia B.A.S.S. Federation, Southern Crappie Association, Bobcat's Bait & Tackle, and FLW Outdoors during its 52 year history.



With the addition of fishing lights on the local bridge,



Clarksville is now the premier location for nighttime fishing activities and tournaments and the only location in the country with this unique feature. The bridge lights are comprised of two rows of iridescent green lights installed on each of the 19 bridge pylons, one row above the lake water, and one below. The glow of the underwater lights attracts millions of tiny feeder fish, which then attract the larger game fish, thus creating a unique nighttime fishing environment. The set of lights above the water provides motorists traveling on

the new Highway 58 Bypass Bridge a striking view leading into downtown Clarksville.

Boat Rental

Boat rentals are available at the Clarksville Marina and at Occoneechee State Park.

Clarksville Marina- Pontoon Boat Rentals, located at 411 Fourth Street, South of Virginia Avenue. (434) 374-8501

Public Docks

The Town Dock is located at the foot of the local bridge next to the Lake Motel, between buoy markers 19 & 20. Tie up your boat at one of 20 complimentary day-use slips and head into town for some unique shopping or a bite to eat. There is also a docking facility at Uppy's Convenience Store on the opposite side of the bridge for boaters wishing to access their services.



Marina

Clarksville Marina has served this area for 31 years. It's located at 411 Fourth Street, South of Virginia Avenue. It offers a waterside store with gas, snacks, and boat accessories. (434) 374-8501

Public Boat Launch

There are 30 public boat launches available around the lake. The following are the closest to Clarksville. Ramp/day use fees apply. Annual passes are available.

Occoneechee State Park-Three boat-launching ramps and parking. Located on US Highway 58, approximately 1/10 mile east of Clarksville. For more information, call 434-374-2210.

Bluestone Landing-Concrete boat-launching ramp and parking. Located on US Highway 15, approximately 5 miles north of Clarksville. Rudds Creek Recreation Area- Two concrete boat-launching ramp/docks and parking. Located on US Highway 58, 8 miles east of Clarksville. 434-738-6827

Longwood Recreation Area- Concrete boat-launching ramp/dock and parking. Located on US Highway 15, approximately 7 miles south of Clarksville. 434-374-2711

Beaches

Public beaches are available at State Parks (excluding Occoneechee) and Corps of Engineer recreation areas around the lake. Those closest to Clarksville are listed below. Day use fees apply.

Rudds Creek Recreation Area- Designated beach, multi-purpose court (sand). Located on US Highway 58, 8 miles east of Clarksville. 434-738-6827



Longwood Recreation Area- Designated beach, multi-purpose court (sand). Located on US Highway 15, approximately 7 miles of Clarksville.

Golf

Kinderton Country Club, 799 Kinderton Drive, Clarksville, VA 23927 offers an eighteen-hole golf course designed by Donald Ross, putting green, driving range and club facilities. 434-374-8822

Lakestar Golf Practice Range, 1720 Highway 58, Buffalo Junction, VA 24529. Located five minutes west of Clarksville on Highway 58. Open year round, dawn to dark. Automated ball machines. Children welcome. 434-374-7827



Hiking

Occoneechee State Park- 3.1 miles of walking trails wind through and past scenic lake views. A one-mile interpretive trail takes visitors to the terraced gardens of the Old Plantation grounds. The park also features a 15-mile multi-purpose trail for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. Located on US Highway 58, approximately 1/10 mile east of Clarksville. For more information, call 434-374-2210



Liberty Hill Nature Trail (foot traffic only) - The trail is located on the south side of Kerr Dam and ample parking is available. The 1.6 mile trail is a self-guided interpretive trail and is white blazed. Liberty Trail meanders through mixed hardwoods, an old cemetery, and descends to a river which overlooks Buggs Island, as well as the back side of the Dam. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. 434-738-6101

Robert Munford Trail (non-motorized use only)- Seven miles one way. Trailheads located end of Taylor's Ferry Road and end of Greenwood Road, at Eagle Point. Take 58 West out of Boydton, turn left on Jefferson Street (756), then left onto Taylor's Ferry Road (705). Taylor's Ferry meets Greenwood Road and turns to dirt at Greenwood Baptist Church. White blazed trail along reservoir shoreline through lowland hardwoods and upland mixed oak, pine, and hickory stands. The trail is named for an important resident of Mecklenburg County and the trail passes his gravesite. Evidence of pre-dam era life including cemetery foundations, ice storage structures, rock and rubble walls. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. 434-738-6101

Hunting

Occoneetchee State Park- Panhandle Area provides public hunting for those with a valid state hunting license; you must register at the area's access gate. Located on US Highway 58, approximately 1/10 mile east of Clarksville. For more information call 434-374-2210.

White Oaks Hunting Preserve & Shooting Sports- Six hundred gently rolling acres of mature hardwood woodland. Pellet gun range, air rifles, clay target games, rifle range, and silhouette targets. Four stocked ponds. Hunt for quail, pheasant, chukar, deer, or turkey. Located on Highway 49 North, approximately 7 miles from Clarksville.
434-374-2025. www.whiteoaks.ws

Cornerstone Farm- 40 private acres of forest. Guests can hunt in-season for deer, fox, rabbit, squirrel, turkey- all open seasons in Virginia will be granted for guests. Located 15 miles north of Clarksville off of Highway 15. 1-866-977-FARM (3276).
434-735-0527 . www.cornerstonefarm.net

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wildlife Management Areas- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers manage areas to improve and protect habitat for various wildlife species. These areas are available for many uses, including hunting (in season), nature viewing, foot, horse, and bike travel. Some of the dirt and gravel roads are open to vehicles.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 434-738-6101.

Dick Cross Wildlife Management Area- Nationally known for hosting bird dog field trials, the Dick Cross Wildlife Management Area (formerly Elm Hill) is also a major wintering area for waterfowl, popular dove hunting area, and home to a diverse resident upland wildlife population. The entire management area serves as a refuge for various waterfowl and no hunting for waterfowl is allowed. From U.S. Route 58 near Boydton, between South Hill and Clarksville, take State Route 4 south. Go about 5 miles to the management area entrance. Virginia Department of Game and inland Fisheries- Wildlife Management Area.

Visitor/Education Centers

Occoneetchee State Park Visitor Center-the center features Native American history, "The Occoneetchee Story," a living hut and artifacts. Also within is a year-round gift shop featuring Native American merchandise, t-shirts, hats, souvenirs, postcards, and educational material.

Occoneetchee State Park Interpretive Programs- Interpretive Programs are offered from May to September. Please contact the park for specific dates, times, and locations within the park. A fee is required for some programs. 434-374-2210. occoneetchee@der.virginia.gov

Visitor Assistance Center for the Corps of Engineers- located adjacent to the John H. Kerr Dam, next to North Bend Park. It is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:30 pm. It is closed for holidays. Specific programs and times may be obtained by calling the Visitor Assistance Center at 434-738-6143.

Joseph S.J. Tanner II Environmental Education Center- just down the road from the Corps of Engineers

visitor center at the intersection of Mays Chapel Road and VA Route 4 (which leads across the Dam). The Tanner Center is open Memorial Day through Labor Day, Thursday through Sunday 9:00 am until 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Specific programs and times may be obtained by calling the Visitor Assistance Center at 434-738-6143.

The Powerhouse -located down the hill from the Corps of Engineers visitors center in the Tailrace Park area, is currently closed to the public.

Corps of Engineers Interpretive Programs-available to the public from Memorial Day through Labor Day at the Tanner Center, North Bend Park and Rudd's Creek Campground. Special programs can be scheduled throughout the year for groups and schools. For more information, or to set up a program, call 434-738-6143 Ext. 151.

Picnicking

Occoneechee State Park- two shelters that can be rented from 8 am to 2 pm or 3 pm to dusk (all day), or 8 am to 2 pm or 3 pm to dusk (half day). Call 1-800-933-PARK to reserve. Shelter users may use the volleyball area, and the park lends volleyballs as well as horseshoes. The shelters are available for rent from the first weekend in March through the first weekend in December. Located on US Highway 58, approximately 1/10 mile east of Clarksville. Fee.

Rudds Creek Recreation Area- Picnic area with shelter. Reservations accepted for shelter. Located on Highway 58, 8 miles east of Clarksville. 434-738-6827. Fee

Longwood Recreation Area- Picnic area with shelter. Reservations accepted for shelter. Located on US Highway 15, approximately 7 miles south of Clarksville. 434-374-2711. Fee.

Buffalo Springs Wayside- Picnic area and gazebo. Artesian Well. Historic Site. Located ¼ mile off US Highway 58, approximately 7 miles west of Clarksville. No fee.