

# Recreational Day Use Areas

## Roanoke Rapids Lake

### Roanoke Rapids Day Use Area

**Location:** 100 Oakwood Drive, Roanoke Rapids, NC.

**Purpose:** Lakeside park, daylight recreation; accessible

**Amenities:** Large parking area, ½ mile walking trail, fishing pier, two large picnic pavilions which can be reserved, playground, volleyball, horseshoe pits, Frisbee golf, sand beach and roped swimming area (SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK), bathrooms, changing rooms and picnic tables.





# Roanoke Rapids Tailrace Fishing Area

**Location:** 100 Oakwood Drive, Roanoke Rapids, NC.

**Purpose:** Provide access to the Roanoke Rapids dam tailrace for fishing; not accessible

**Amenities:** Picnic tables and a foot bridge across the tailrace accessing the bypassed reach.



# North Side Roanoke Rapids Dam Fishing Area

**Location:** 828 Family Lane, Gaston, NC.

**Purpose:** Provide bank side fishing on Roanoke Rapids Lake; accessible

**Amenities:** Parking, accessible path to floating dock on Roanoke Rapids Lake.



# Thelma Bank Fishing Area

**Location:** 1017 Van Warren Rd, Roanoke Rapids, NC, co-located with Thelma Boating Access.

**Purpose:** Provide bank side fishing on Roanoke Rapids Lake; accessible

**Amenities:** Parking, fishing pier.



# Gaston Dam Tailrace Area

**Location:** North end of Jack Brown Road, Littleton, NC.

**Purpose:** Provide access to the Gaston dam tailrace for fishing; accessible

**Amenities:** Parking and accessible path to tailrace



# Roanoke Canal Trail and Museum

**Location:** West end termination of canal trail, 100 Oakwood Drive, Roanoke Rapids, NC.

**Purpose:** Restored transportation canal path and museum; accessible

**Amenities:** Canal's west end terminus is at the Roanoke Rapids Day Use Area. Walking, jogging and bicycling-friendly path. Roanoke River Canal Museum is located 1.5 miles east of the Roanoke Rapids Day Use Area parking lot. Informational kiosks and interpretative signs are located along the pathway.







## Lake Gaston

### Lake Gaston Day Use Area

**Location:** North end of Jack Brown Road, Littleton, NC.

**Purpose:** Lakeside park, daylight recreation; accessible

**Amenities:** Large parking area, sand beach and roped swimming area (SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK), bathrooms, changing rooms and picnic tables, horseshoe pits.



## Big Stonehouse Creek Bank Fishing Area

**Location:** East end of Salmon Landing Road, Littleton, NC.

**Purpose:** Provide bank side fishing on Lake Gaston; accessible

**Amenities:** Parking, fishing pier



# Goat Island Water to Land Use Area

**Location:** Water access only, island at the mouth of Poe Creek, south side of Lake Gaston, midway between the Gaston Dam and the Eaton's Ferry Bridge, 36°30'16"N x 77°52'56"W

**Purpose:** To provide on shore passive recreation and rest area.

**Amenities:** Boat dock, picnic tables, portable toilets.



# NOCARVA Water to Land Use Area

**Location:** Water access only, peninsula at the mouth of Six Pound Creek, south side of Lake Gaston, about mid lake, 36°53'68"N x 78°05'34"W

**Purpose:** To provide on shore passive recreation and rest area.

**Amenities:** Boat dock, picnic tables, restroom.



# Waterfowl Management Area

**Location:** US Route 1, Mecklenburg County, VA, northwest side of bridge crossing of Lake Gaston, adjacent to Steel Bridge Boating Access.

**Purpose:** To provide habitat for migratory waterfowl and waterfowl hunting opportunities on Lake Gaston

Quota Hunt: Beginning Fall 2026, this area is now a quota lottery hunt for the general waterfowl seasons (November –January). Please visit Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources Go Outdoors Virginia website for quota hunt application at <https://gooutdoorsvirginia.com/>.

**Amenities:** Parking, approximately 170 acres of managed wetlands.



## Miles Creek Bank Fishing Area

***Location:*** Intersection of Route 1 and Redlawn Road, Mecklenburg County, VA.

***Purpose:*** Provide bank side fishing on Lake Gaston; accessible

***Amenities:*** Parking, accessible path to Miles Creek.



## North Side Gaston Dam Bank Fishing Area

***Location:*** South end of Webb's Gate Road, Northampton County, NC.

***Purpose:*** Provide bank side fishing on Lake Gaston; accessible

***Amenities:*** Parking, accessible path to Lake Gaston, picnic table.

