

For Your Safety

Please be alert to unsafe conditions, hazards or damaged facilities that you may encounter during your visit and report them to a ranger, park attendant or the Project Office

Boating

- Learn and follow small craft navigation rules.
- Boats must not approach closer to the dam than indicated by warning signs.
- Obey state boating laws.
- Make sure your boat is seaworthy.
- Keep the boatload at a minimum.
- Carry a life preserver for each occupant.
- Avoid standing in a boat.
- Watch for obstructions when approaching the shore.
- Slow down when approaching small boats, docks or skiers.
- Head for shore if bad weather threatens.
- Help boats in distress; if you need assistance, ask for it.

Swimming

- Swim and wade only where you are familiar with the water depths and the bottom.
- Swim in company with others.
- Avoid diving.
- Be careful of overestimating your swimming ability because water distances are deceiving.
- Watch children closely.
- Swimmers should avoid boat channels, launching ramps and docks.
- Horseplay in the water can result in injuries.

Skiing

- Don't ski if you don't know how to swim.
- Always wear a ski jacket or life preserver.
- Stay in open water.
- Watch for swimmers.
- Have at least two people in the boat, one to run the boat and one to watch the skier.

Dam Safety

Be aware of hazardous water conditions near the dam. Below the dam, listen for a warning horn or siren signaling a discharge of water and watch for conditions that may signal rising water. Above the dam, observe warning signs and stay out of restricted areas.

Hunting

- Carry the gun so you can control the direction of the muzzle even if you stumble.
- Keep the safety on until you are ready to shoot.
- Know what you are shooting at before you pull the trigger.
- Point the gun only at things you intend to shoot.
- Ricochets from shooting at the water and flat, hard surfaces create unnecessary peril in hunting.
- Remember, people are killed with "unloaded" guns every day. Avoid horseplay.

Hunters should refer to current Arkansas Game and Fish Commission regulations for information on hunting on government lands around Bull Shoals. No hunting is permitted in the parks.

STANDARD WATERWAY MARKERS		
	 	 
INDICATES THAT A BOAT SHOULD NOT PASS BETWEEN THE BUOY AND SHORE	CONTROLLED AREAS AND SPEED LIMITS AS INDICATED INSIDE CIRCLE	THESE MARKERS GIVE INFORMATION SUCH AS NAMES, DISTANCES, AND ACTIVITIES PERMITTED.
		
THIS FLAG INDICATES THAT A DIVER IS BELOW THE SURFACE IN THE AREA MARKED. PROCEED WITH CAUTION.	MOORING BUOY PRIVATELY MAINTAINED	LOCATION MARKERS

Natural Resource Management

Whether you are pursuing the many game or fish species, watching the beautiful wildflowers and animal life or hiking through the majestic forests, everyone enjoys the natural resources around Bull Shoals Lake. Natural resource management is the creation and maintaining of healthy environmental conditions by properly managing the land and water resources available. A buffer of 65,000 acres of public land surrounds the lake, protecting the high quality of water and creating diverse habitats for abundant plants and animals. The varied habitats provide homes for a variety of animals including white-tail deer, black bear, wild turkey, and the bald eagle.

Wildlife management is primarily accomplished through planting wildlife food plots and soil and vegetation disturbances such as disking, mowing, and prescribed burning which improve wildlife habitat by increasing the diversity of plants and habitat types. Forest management is primarily accomplished through selective timber harvest, tree plantings and prescribed burning. The goal of the Corps of Engineers is to improve the health, diversity, and productivity of the ecosystem for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

