



**Please contact a Ranger prior to starting any work which may impact public property or to help you locate the Government boundary survey markers.**

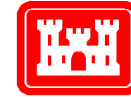
**NOTE: Knowing the actual location of your property boundary is your responsibility:**

When USACE personnel locate the Government boundary line, it is an **approximation** and may not be used as legal documentation. Copies of survey plats and shoreline allocation maps may be obtained through the Mountain Home Project Office.

The Corps of Engineers is not responsible for any incorrect data or boundary line markings. **It is highly recommended that any construction or modification of the landscape should be preceded with a professional survey to verify the actual location of the property boundary.**



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## Bull Shoals & Norfolk Lakes Boundary Line



Figure 1: Brass Survey Marker

## What is the Corps of Engineers Boundary Line?

The U.S.A.C.E. boundary line is defined by survey monuments placed at ground level. The survey markers are 3 ½ inch diameter brass or aluminum caps (see figures 1 & 2) stamped to show the monument number, the year surveyed, and the agency, Little Rock District, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army. The boundary is a straight line between survey markers. However, the elevation and distance between the markers may vary.

A 5-foot white steel T-post (see Figure 3) is set up to one foot from the survey marker to aid in finding the survey marker. This T-post is **not** on the boundary line and should never be used to determine the actual boundary between Corps of Engineer property and private property.

The rocks painted white are placed on top of the survey monument to aid in the location of the monument.

“Witness trees” on the Government side may be marked along the boundary line with a painted 4-inch wide white band (see figure 4) facing the line. These Witness trees serve as an additional aid to help locate the boundary line. However, these Witness trees are **not** located on the actual boundary and only serve as an indicator that the line is nearby. **U.S.A.C.E Rangers are available to assist in locating the boundary survey markers.**



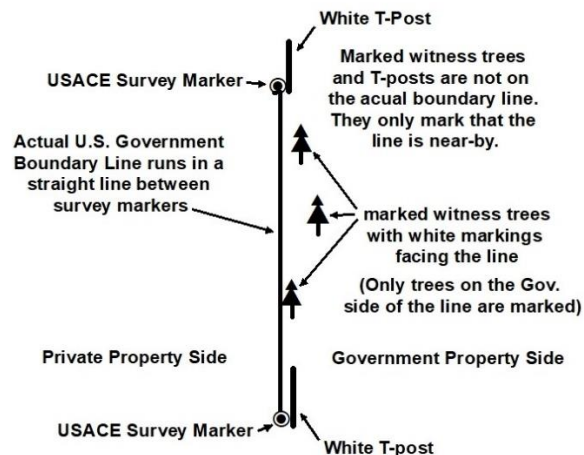
Figure 2: Aluminum Survey Marker



Figure 3: 5-foot White T-post



Figure 4: Example of Witness Tree Marking



## What is a Trespass or an Encroachment?

A trespass is un-authorized alteration of land or the placement of personal property on public lands. An encroachment occurs when a permanent structure is installed or established upon public lands.

These are examples of the most common encroachments or trespasses on public land in relation to adjacent landowners:

- Mowing, cutting trees, or other vegetation on public land without a permit.
- Destruction of Government survey markers.
- Clearing or dozing public land.
- Storing personal materials or property on public land.
- Constructing and/or maintaining private roads or foot paths on public land.
- Constructing buildings, septic systems, or other structures on public land.

Ownership of private land near or adjoining public property does not convey any exclusive rights to the use of the lake or public lands.

**Violations of the Corps of Engineers boundary line are subject to enforcement under Title 36 - Code of Federal Regulations.**

**Violations of Title 36 can result in fines, restitution, court costs, and loss of existing permits the violator may hold.**

Please respect the Government boundary line and the resources on public property. As the responsible stewards of the public's property on Bull Shoals and Norfolk Lakes, The Corps of Engineers have developed regulations that are designed to insure maximum benefit to the general public while protecting and enhancing the natural resources

For more information consult the *Guidelines for Shoreline Use* and *Rules and Regulations Governing Public Use of Corps of Engineers Water Resources Development Projects (Title 36)* pamphlets.