

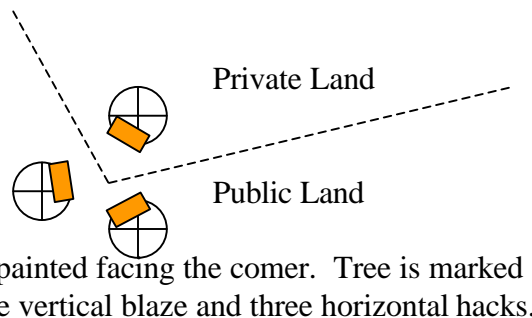
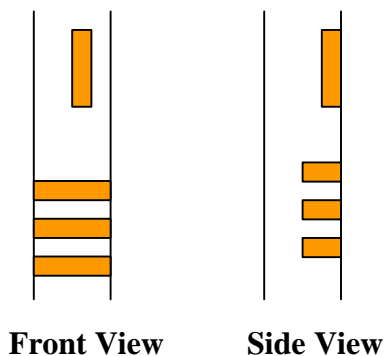
Let's Draw the Line At Thurmond Lake

Thurmond Lake is one of the Southeast's largest and most popular recreational lakes, with more than 7.5 million visitors annually. Sound management of approximately 70,000 acres of land and 1200 miles of shoreline is important to protecting and preserving this natural resource for future generations while providing recreational opportunities for today's visitors.

The Corps of Engineers manages the Thurmond Lake Project to ensure a balance between the recreational user, the environment, and the conservation of project resources. Consideration must also be given to possible conflicts of use between the general public and owners of private property adjoining the project.

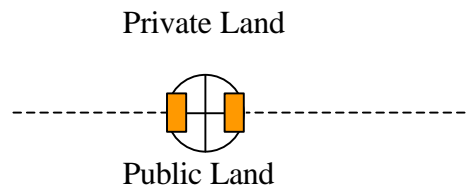
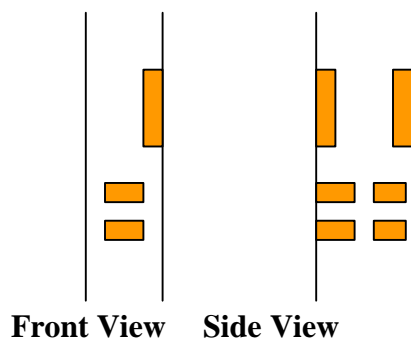
Private use is managed through a permit/license program which allows property owners to build or install facilities such as boat docks, water and electrical lines, etc. Owning property adjoining Thurmond Project's land does not convey any exclusive rights to the use of public land, particularly in building or extending any structures onto federal property without written authorization. Such action would constitute an encroachment, which is defined as placing or the continued existence of any structure or item under, upon, in, or over the project's lands or waters and/or destruction, injury, defacement, removal or any alteration of public property including natural formations, historical and archaeological features, and vegetative growth unless authorized in writing. To assist in identifying public property lines, "witness" trees are painted with orange paint bands along the project's boundary lines. The illustrations below depict the four different types of markings and describe their meanings.

Corner Witness Tree



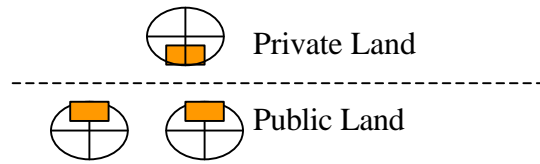
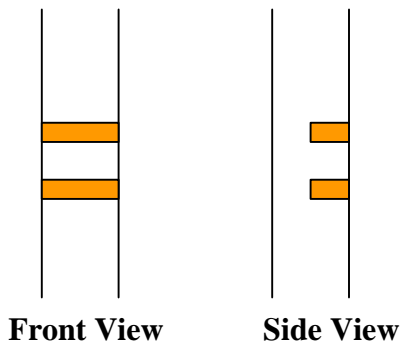
Tree is painted facing the corner. Tree is marked with one vertical blaze and three horizontal hacks.

Center Line Tree



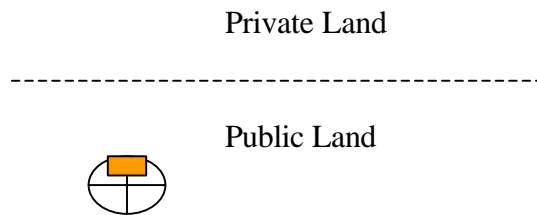
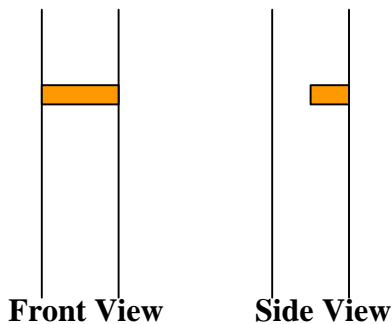
This witness tree is used when the line goes through the Tree. Tree is painted on both sides with one vertical blaze and two horizontal hacks.

Line Witness Tree



The most common witness tree. Two horizontal hacks face the boundary line. Only trees within 30 inches of the boundary line are marked.

Banded Directional Tree



This type of witness is used only when there are no trees within 30 inches of the boundary line. One band is painted facing the line showing the general direction of the line.

The Corps of Engineers needs your help in preventing encroachments on public land and protecting Thurmond Lake's beautiful shores. Property owners should be extra careful when building any structure near project property lines to avoid encroachments. Past experience has shown that lot pins do not always agree with established boundary lines. We advise prospective buyers to insure that a recent survey has been performed to verify that there are no encroachments prior to purchasing any property adjoining Thurmond Lake Project.

If you have any questions about boundary lines, contact the Thurmond Project Office. A Corps Ranger can assist you regarding encroachments, permit/license program, or any Corps matter affecting your property. The Corps also publishes a Shoreline Management Plan to provide guidance for the protection and preservation of Thurmond Lake. Copies are available from the Thurmond Project Office.

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