

Trail Etiquette & Safety

- Please be courteous of other trail users.
- Be prepared. Know your equipment, your ability, the weather, and the area.
- Tell someone your travel plans. Hike with a buddy.
- Bicyclists and hikers, please yield to equestrians.
- Bicyclists and equestrians, please wear helmets.
- Please stay on marked trails. Avoid trails when wet to prevent erosion.
- Please respect private property. Government boundary line is marked by orange bands painted on trees.
- **Trail passes through land open to hunting.** Be aware of hunting seasons. **Wear blaze orange (including pets and horses)** during firearms season.
- Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a 6-foot leash. Please clean up after your pets.
- Enjoy wildlife and plant life at a distance.
- Camping and fires are prohibited.
- Please dispose of waste properly. Restrooms are available in park areas.
- Unauthorized motorized vehicles are prohibited on the trails.
- Report concerns to the Philpott Lake Visitor Center: (276) 629-2703.
- Dial 911 for emergencies.



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**[www.saw.usace.army.mil/Locations/
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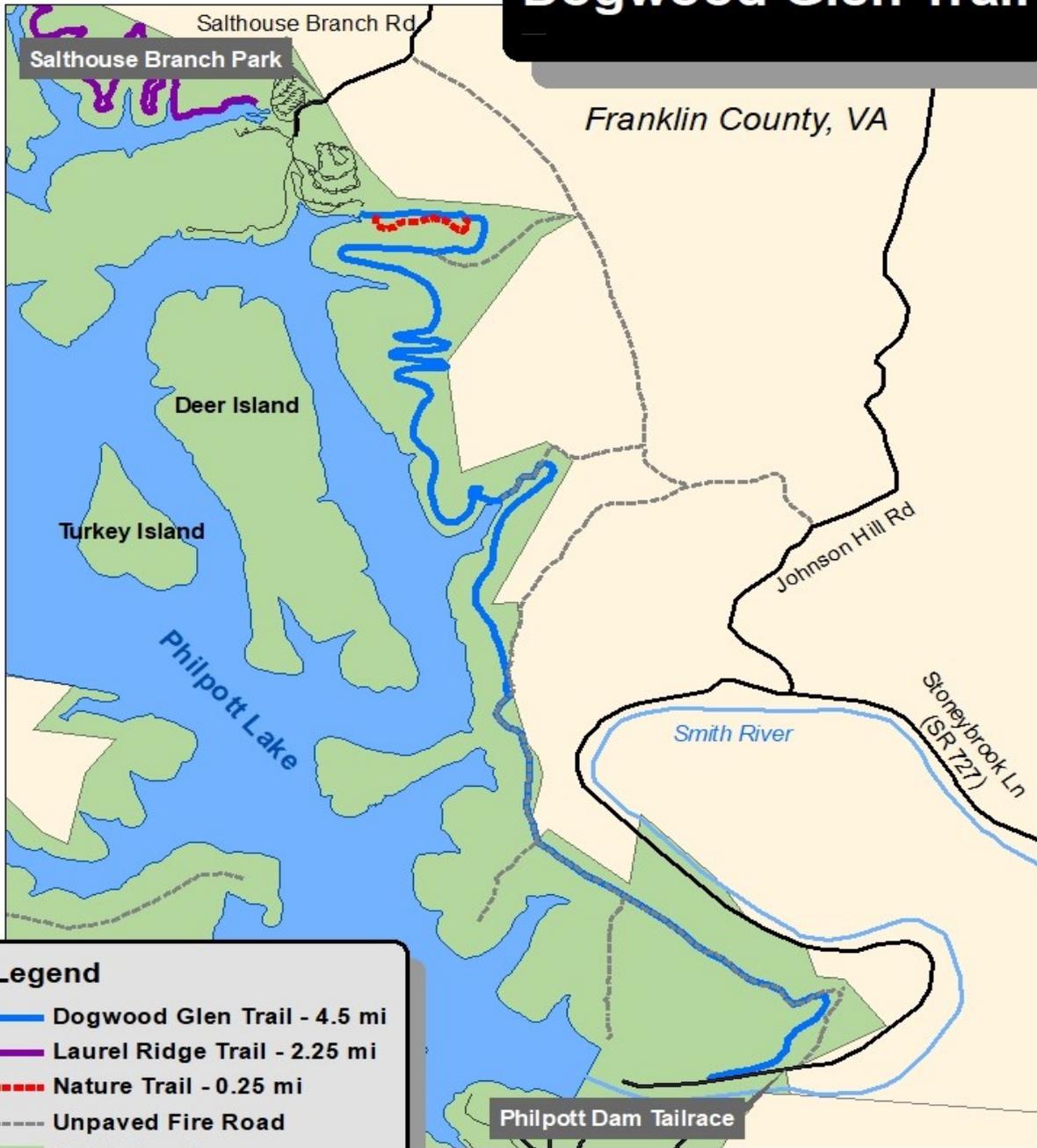
Dogwood Glen Trail

Philpott Lake
Franklin County



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Legend

- Dogwood Glen Trail - 4.5 mi
- Laurel Ridge Trail - 2.25 mi
- Nature Trail - 0.25 mi
- Unpaved Fire Road
- Public Land

Trail Information

Dogwood Glen is a 4.5 mile out-and-back, multi-use trail open to hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians. The trail is moderate to strenuous in difficulty, approx. 6 feet wide, and traverses through mature hardwood forests connecting the Philpott Dam Tailrace to Salthouse Branch Park along the Franklin County side of Philpott Lake. The trail begins at the trail kiosk near the dam and travels 0.2 miles to the top of the ridge before intersecting and following a dirt fire road for 1.3 miles until it separates from the road and continues 3 miles to Salthouse Branch Park. The main trail is designated with blue blazes on trees. Spur trails are designated by red blazes on trees. The trail can be accessed from the Philpott Dam Tailrace (Franklin County side) or Salthouse Branch Park. Parking is limited at Salthouse Branch Park. (\$7 day-use fee)

