

Visitor Center

Philpott Lake's Visitor Center and Museum is located near the overlook in Philpott Park and is open on a daily basis (*excluding holidays November through February*). Stop by the museum to learn about the native plants and animals found in and around Philpott Lake, as well as the history of Philpott Lake and Dam.



Reservations

The picnic shelter in Philpott Park may be reserved during the months of April through October. The shelter is otherwise available on a first come, first serve basis.

- **Site #1** includes the picnic shelter at the overlook. Available for \$75.00 per day (electricity available). Reservations can be made on the internet at www.recreation.gov or call 1-877-444-6777.

- * **Site #2** includes a group camp area with a picnic shelter, amphitheater, shower house, and full RV hookup. For reservations, contact **Henry County Parks Parks and Recreation** at (276) 634-4640.

Canoe Access

In Philpott Park, the Smith River offers two canoe access ramps, located on both sides of the river below Philpott Dam. A water release schedule can be obtained by calling: 1-276-629-2432.

- Always wear a life jacket.
- The water entering the river comes from deep in the lake and is very cool at 42 °F. Carry extra clothes and protect yourself from hypothermia.

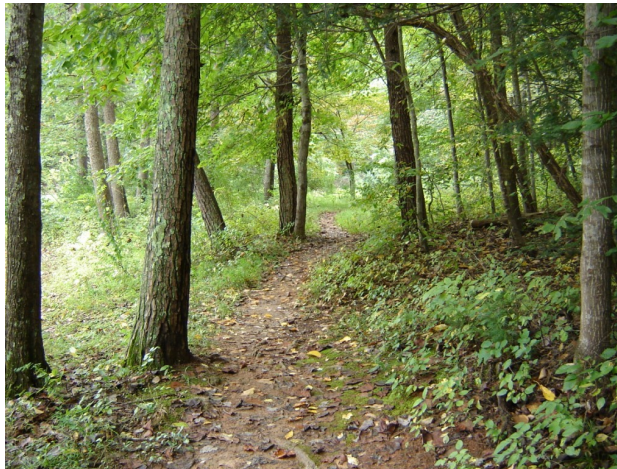
Trails

Philpott Park offers trails for all ages and abilities, including 2 interpretive trails located in Philpott Park:

- **Philpott FIT:** A 1/2 mile one-way interpretive fitness trail with 26 points of interest identified by numbered markers along the trail which correspond to information in the trail guide available at the trailhead. Exercises are offered at 20 fitness stations along the trail.
- **Smith River Trail:** Trail meanders adjacent to the river and returns along the same route with a total distance of 1/2 mile. There are 21 points of interest identified by numbered markers along the trail which correspond to information in the trail guide.

Trail Safety

- Always hike with a buddy
- Know your physical limitations
- Dogs must be kept on a 6 foot leash
- Observe wildlife from a distance
- Stay on designated trails
- When on roadways, walk against traffic
- Tell someone where you're going and when you'll return
- Always follow posted restrictions



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Website: - www.saw.usace.army.mil/Locations/DistrictLakesandDams/Philpott.aspx
www.CorpsLakes.us

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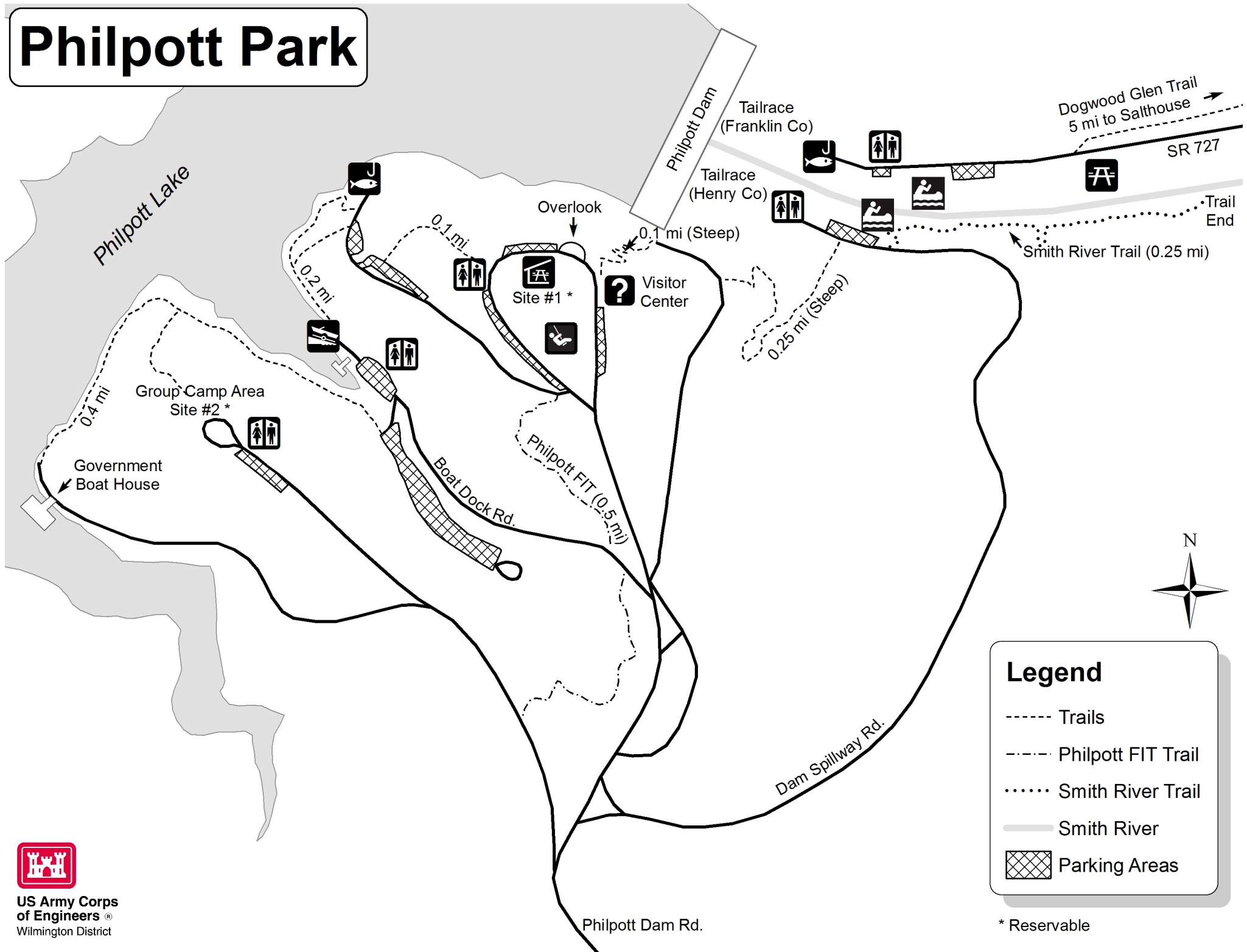


Philpott Lake Overlook



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Legend

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* Reservable