

Visitor Center

The Philpott Lake Visitor Center is located near the overlook in Philpott Park and is open on a daily basis (*excluding holidays and weekends November through February*). Stop by the exhibit hall 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.

- **Overlook Picnic Shelter:** It costs \$75.00 a day and includes electricity. Reservations can be made online at www.recreation.gov or call: **1-877-444-6777**.
- **Group Camp:** includes a group camp area with a picnic shelter, amphitheater, shower house, and full RV hookups. For reservations, **contact Henry County Parks and Recreation at: (276) 634-4640**.

Canoe Access

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

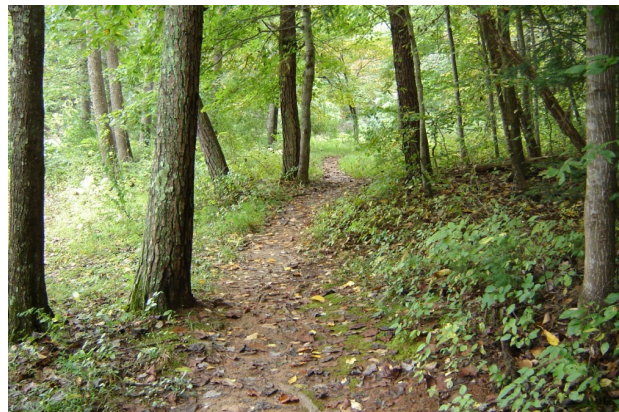
Trails

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.
- **GBAC Overlook Trail:** This beautiful trail was made possible by our friends at Greater Bassett Area Community and the Harvest Foundation. It meanders through a valley once used as a staging area for construction of the Dam. At its end is a beautiful overlook with a view of the Dam, Powerhouse, and Philpott Lake beyond that.

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



E-mail: philpott@usace.army.mil
Websites: - www.saw.usace.army.mil/Locations/DistrictLakesandDams/Philpott.aspx
www.CorpsLakes.us

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Philpott Park/Franklin County Tailrace

Philpott Lake Visitor Center
1058 Philpott Dam Rd.
Bassett, VA 24055

276-629-2703



Philpott Lake Overlook



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Franklin County Tailrace

Philpott Park

Philpott Lake

Philpott Dam

Tailrace (Franklin Co)

Tailrace (Henry Co)

Dogwood Glen Trail
5 mi to Salthouse

SR 727

Overlook

Site #1 *

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Overlook

Group Camp Area

Government Boat House

0.8 mi (B-C)

Boat Dock Rd.

Philpott FIT (0.5 mi A-B)

GBAC Overlook (0.4 mi)

Dam Spillway Rd.

Philpott Dam Rd.

Legend

- Smith River
- Parking Areas
- Trails

* Reservable

