

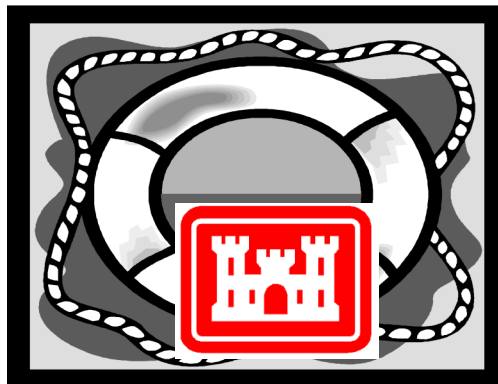
Safety Tips

SWIMMING:

- Learn to swim
- Never swim alone
- Swim in designated areas
- Wear a life jacket (PFD)
- Never dive or jump into unknown waters
- No drugs or alcohol
- Obey warning signs
- Watch children
- Get out of the water when storms are near

BOATING:

- Know your boat
- Take a safe boating class
- Use your boat correctly
- Always wear a life jacket
- No drugs or alcohol
- Don't stand in a boat
- Never boat just above a dam
- Obey all warning signs and buoys
- Watch for debris



For maps of the lake or other information, contact a ranger, the Philpott Lake Visitor Center or the websites

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Philpott Lake Visitor Center

1058 Philpott Dam Road
Bassett, Virginia 24055

Hours of Operation:
Mon-Fri 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sat & Sun 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
April 1 - October 31

Phone: 276-629-2703
Email: philpott@usace.army.mil
Web: www.saw.usace.army.mil/Locations/DistrictLakesandDams/Philpott.aspx
www.CorpsLakes.us
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Philpott Lake

Recreation Facilities



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Philpott Project Recreation Facilities

Welcome!

The Project Management staff welcomes you to Philpott Lake and invites your cooperation in making your trip accident-free. You are requested to cooperate with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in complying with the simple rules and regulations governing public use of project lands and water. We hope you have a pleasant stay and return often.

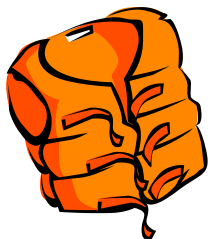
Philpott Lake is a flood control and hydroelectric power project of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers under the jurisdiction of the Wilmington, North Carolina District. The dam is located on the Smith River approximately 12 miles northwest of Martinsville, Virginia. The Visitor Assistance Center is 3 miles northwest of Bassett, Virginia, via Route 57 (Fairy Stone Highway) and Philpott Dam Road.

The 2,880-acre lake is nestled in wooded hills in sight of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The lake contains over 100 miles of shoreline and is surrounded by over 6,500 acres of land. Boating, fishing, water skiing, and swimming are popular aquatic sports. Camping, picnicking, sightseeing, and hunting are enjoyed on the land.

Reservations are available for most camping and picnic facilities through the website at www.recreation.gov or calling toll-free 877-444-6777.

Visitors are required to follow rules and regulations posted in park areas. Some of these include: observe quiet hours after 10 p.m.; leave a clean campsite; do not litter; keep pets on a leash or under physical restrictive control; do not hang gas lanterns against trees; observe the ban on alcoholic beverages in all park areas.

Firewood may be available in camp and picnic areas from the Dan River Basin Association, for a modest fee. If supply is depleted, you may acquire your own by collecting dead material on the ground, driftwood along lake or purchase from private individual in the local town /areas. No live or standing trees may be cut.



Life Jackets **WORK**, but only when **WORN**!

Park Areas Operated by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers

PHILPOTT PARK

is located near the dam 3 miles northwest of Bassett, Virginia, via Route 57 (Fairy Stone Highway) and Philpott Dam Road. Available are picnic areas with shelter, overlook platform, hiking, bathrooms, drinking water and a boat launching ramp open 24 hours per day. The Visitor Center in Philpott Park, is open daily year round, with the exception of some federal holidays. The picnic-overlook area opens daily at 6:30 am and closes at 10:00 pm year round. A group use area with tables, grills, bathroom with showers, basketball court and campsites is available by reservation only. **Please contact Henry County Parks to inquire about the group campground and marina. (276) 634-4640.**

BOWENS CREEK

(276) 629-4104 is on the south side of the lake, 5 miles west of Bassett, Virginia, via Route 57 (Fairy Stone Highway) and Bowens Creek Road. The following facilities are available: drinking water, flush toilets, picnic tables, boat launching ramp and swim beach. Open May 1 through September 30.

GOOSE POINT

(276) 344-8878 is on the south side of the lake, 12 miles northwest of Bassett, Virginia, via Route 57 (Fairy Stone Highway) and Goose Point Road. The following facilities are available: 63 campsites (some sites with water and electric), drinking water, flush toilets, hot showers, boat launching ramp, swim beach, picnic area with shelter, playground, trailer dump stations and amphitheater. Open to camping April 1 through October 31.

RYANS BRANCH

is located between Fairy Stone State Park and Ferrum, Virginia on Fairy Stone Park Road near the Patrick /Franklin County line. The following facilities are available: picnic tables, vault toilet, and boat launching ramp.

JAMISON MILL

is on the north side of the lake, 8 miles southwest of Ferrum, Virginia, via Fairy Stone Park Road or Route 40 to Henry Road, and Jamison Mill Road. **Contact: Franklin County Parks at (540) 483-9293.**

HORSESHOE POINT

(540) 365-7385 is on the north side of the lake, 6 miles west of Henry, Virginia, via Henry Road and Horseshoe Point Road. The following facilities are available: 49 campsites (some with water and electricity) drinking water, flush toilets, hot showers, two swim beaches, playground, boat launching ramp, picnic area, handicap accessible picnic shelter and trailer dump station. Open to camping from May 1 through September 30.

SALTHOUSE BRANCH

(540) 365-7005 is on the north side of the lake, 6 miles southwest of Henry, Virginia, via Henry Road, Knob Church Road and Salthouse Branch Road. The following facilities are available: 91 campsites (some with water and electricity), drinking water, flush toilets, hot showers, two swim beaches, multi-use trail and interpretive nature trail, playground, two boat launching ramps, picnic area, trailer dump station, and amphitheater. Open to camping April 1 through October 31.

RUNETT BAG

is 15 miles southwest of Ferrum, Virginia, via Highway 40, St. John's Loop and

Johnny's Ridge Road. Boat launching is available.



TWIN RIDGE

is on the north side of the lake 6 miles south west of Henry, Virginia, via Henry Road, Knob Church Road and Twin Ridge Road. The following facilities are available: picnic tables, picnic shelter, grills, dock, and boat launching ramp.

DEER ISLAND

is less than 2 miles from the dam. The following facilities are available: 21 campsites with tent pads, fireplaces, tables, drinking water, and primitive toilets. Accessible by water only. Open to camping year round.

TURKEY ISLAND PICNIC AREA

is less than 2 miles from the dam. Picnic table, fireplaces, primitive toilets are available for day use only. Accessible by water only. Open year round.