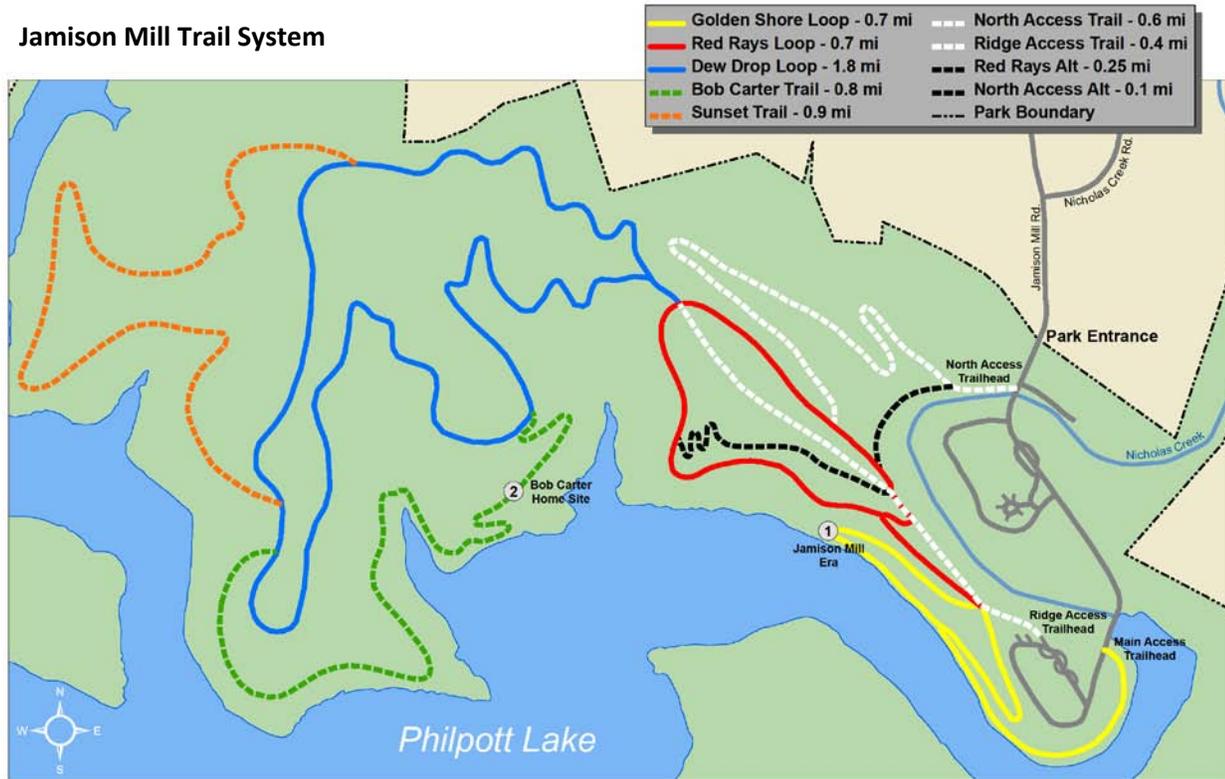


New Trails at Jamison Mill Park - Philpott Lake, Franklin County, VA

Through a partnership between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Franklin County Parks and Recreation, Franklin Freewheelers, Friends of Philpott, Henry County Bike Club, and SVMBA, the construction of an additional 5.5 miles of shared-use trails for hikers and mountain bicyclists was completed at Jamison Mill Park on Philpott Lake in the fall of 2010, for a total of approximately 6.25 miles of trail!

Jamison Mill Trail System



Approximately 1.5 miles of the newly constructed trails were built by volunteers from partnering organizations using an SK 500 Ditch Witch mini-skid steer. This portion took almost 1,000 volunteer hours over the course of two years to complete.



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Connected to this, was 0.5 miles of narrow, professionally-built trail constructed by Trail Dynamics partially by hand and partially using a SWECO and mini-excavator funded by a \$10,000 Corps of Engineers Handshake Grant.



Approximately 3.5 miles of the newly constructed trails were built by Franklin County Parks and Recreation staff using a John Deere 450 bulldozer. This final portion was completed in August 2010.



Trail Information: The backbone of this trail system consists of three main interconnected loops. Connected to these loops are various other trail segments. The trails offer a variety of experiences from narrow, single-track trails to wider, fire-road type trails that meander through a variety of landscapes, including mixed pine and hardwood stands. Trail features include access to the shoreline of Philpott Lake and beautiful ridge top vistas. Due to the challenging terrain that Philpott has to offer, the trails are rated moderate to strenuous in difficulty. Hikers should allow at least 3 hours to complete the entire system.

Parking: Trail users are encouraged to use the designated parking area near the boat ramp at the southern end of the park in consideration of campers and other day users. Trail users should visit the informational trailhead kiosk at this main access for interpretive and safety information.

Directions (From the intersection of 220 and Henry Road): Go approximately 9.2 miles on Henry Road (SR 605), then left onto Nicholas Creek Road when you see the sign for Jamison Mill Park. Go 1.6 miles to the end of Nicholas Creek Road, then left onto Jamison Mill Road. Go 0.1 miles to park entrance.