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Guides



**Phillips Creek
Loop Trail**
Virginia



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obvious, consider calling the Clinch Ranger District (276-328-2931) to order an informational brochure explaining the various points of interest along the trail.

At the far end of the loop is a scenic waterfall along a sandstone cliff. The trek back to the parking lot travels on an old railroad bed that was used in the late 1800s and early 1900s to haul logs.

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From the information kiosk, follow a footbridge into a forest, which includes thickets of rhododendron and a stand of white pines. On the first half of the loop you will walk alongside Phillips Creek. Keep your eyes open for an old hunting camp used by Native Americans, as well as the site of an old moonshine still located across the creek. These sites are not well-marked. Since they are not



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States: Virginia

Counties: Wise

Length: 1miles

Trail end points: Phillips Creek Road, Phillips Creek Recreation Area to Jefferson National Forest

Trail surfaces: Dirt

Trail category: Rail-Trail

Trail activities: Walking

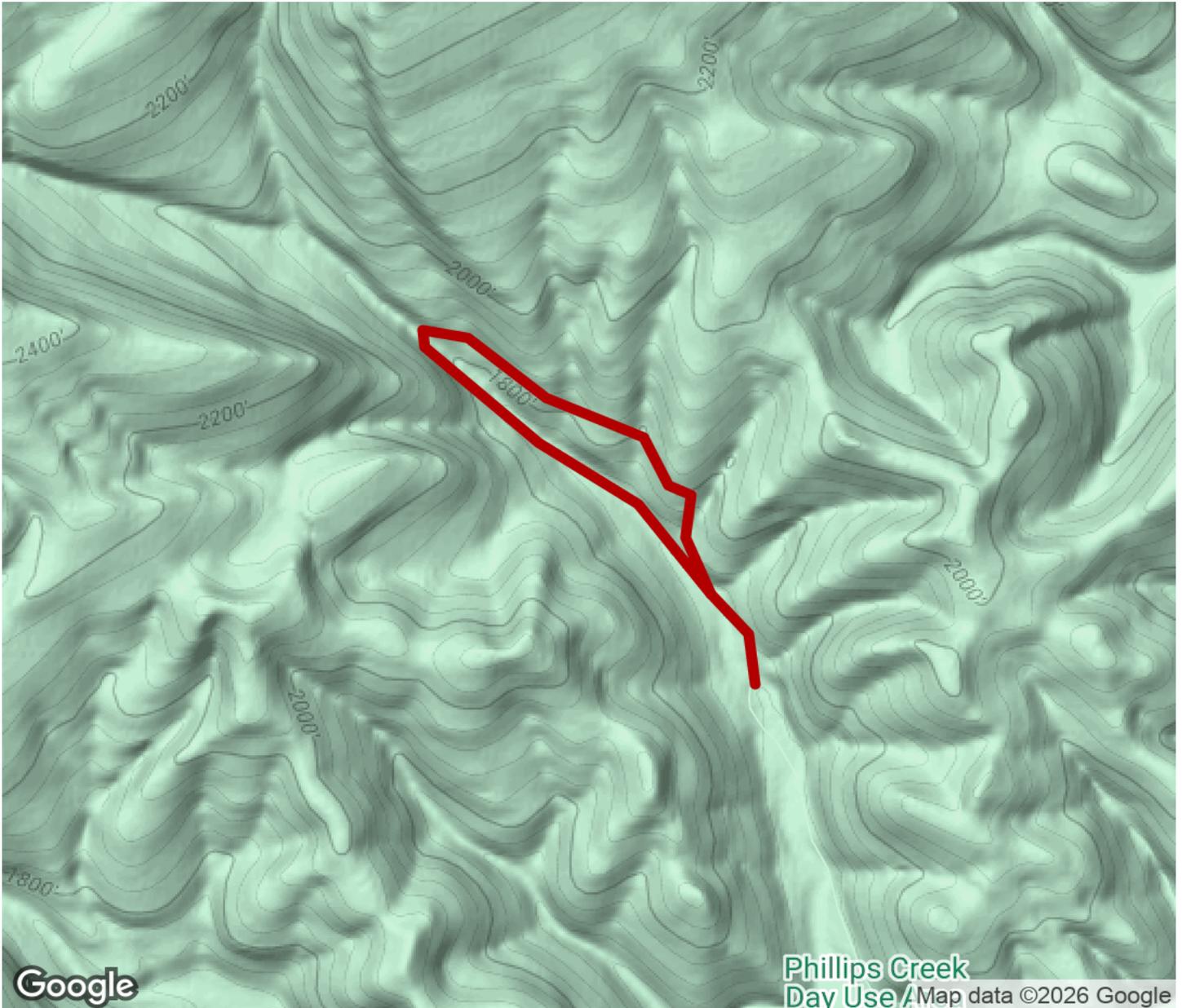
Parking & Trail Access

To access this trail, take US 23 north near Norton toward Pound. As you approach Pound, stay on US 23 (do not turn onto Business 23). Turn west onto State Route 671 and follow it for about 5.5 miles to the marked Phillips Creek Recreation Area. The trailhead is located all the way down the gravel road, past the swimming area and all the picnic areas. It is marked by a footbridge and information kiosk noting "Pine Mountain Trail."



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Trailhead



Restroom



Parking



Water Fountain



Tunnel



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