Scuttle Hole Trail System is located on the London Ranger District near the Rockcastle River and Lake Cumberland. The trail system features three trails. **Scuttle Hole Trail #404** (.75 miles) is a fairly easy hike which leads to three overlooks providing exceptional views of Lake Cumberland and the mouth of the Rockcastle River. Much of the trail follows the upper edge of a cliffline with cliffs dropping over 100 feet. A quarter-mile spur trail **Scuttle Hole Trail #404A** descends through a large crevice, (the “Scuttle Hole”) to connect this trail with the Dutch Branch Trail. There are 127 steps on this short section of the trail. Hiking difficulty is easy to moderate. **Dutch Branch Trail #404B** (.75 miles) is a loop that circles the lower drainage of Dutch Branch. The trail passes under several cliffs and rock shelters. During the spring there is a waterfall where Dutch Branch drops over the cliffline. This is a good trail for observing spring wildflowers. A short spur trail connects Dutch Branch Trail with the Scuttle Hole Trail. It is short but fairly steep.

CAUTION: Low lying areas can quickly flood. Be alert for rising water when driving, camping or crossing streams. Swift currents and undertows can make swimming and wading very hazardous.

**Location**
From I-75 at London exit 38, turn west on KY 192. Go 14 miles, and then turn south (left) on KY 1193 for 1 mile. Turn west on KY 3497, go 6 miles to the end of the road.

**Parking**
6 to 8 cars at trailhead.

**Restrooms**
Vault toilets at boat ramp.

**Open Dates**
Trails open all year.

**Fees**
None

**Accessibility**
This trail does not meet accessibility standards for persons with disabilities.

**For more information**
Guides like this are available at www.fs.usda.gov/dbnf

**Consumption of alcohol and open containers of alcohol are prohibited.**

**Camping and firebuilding in rock shelters is prohibited.**

**No wading, swimming or fishing at boat ramp.**

**Trails are closed to motorized vehicles.**

**Food Storage Required**

- Store food and trash in a closed motor vehicle with a solid top or a closed hard-body trailer.
- Put food, trash and other odorous items in a bear-resistant container.
- Put trash in a bear-resistant trash can or other receptacle provided by the Forest Service.
- In backcountry areas, hang food and trash from a tree, out of a bear’s reach.

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