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.

- **Begins:** KY 3497
- **Ends:** Scuttle Hole
- **Parking:** 6-8 cars at trailhead
- **Closest town:** London or Corbin
- **Length:** 0.75 miles
- **Surface:** Dirt
- **Quad:** Sawyer
- **Latitude:** 36.9581891
- **County:** Laurel
- **Longitude:** -84.345646

**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 are prone to flooding, so be alert for flooding when driving, camping or crossing streams in this area. Swift currents and undertows can make swimming and wading very hazardous.

**FOOD STORAGE REQUIRED.** Visitors in developed sites must store food, garbage and other odorous items that may attract bears in a bear-resistant container, inside their vehicle, or in an enclosed hard-body trailer. Backcountry campers must suspend food, garbage and odorous items at least 10 feet off the ground and four feet away from any tree or pole. All food leftovers and trash must be properly disposed of in a bear-resistant trash receptacle or other container where provided by the Forest Service.