

## Scenic



## Nature Trail



## Fishing Pier



## Schedule

Tuesday thru Friday      7am to 10pm  
Saturday thru Sunday      9am to 9:30pm  
Closed Mondays  
Closed December 1st thru March 1st

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# Grants Branch Park



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## Facilities



## History

This unique, one-of-a-kind, 11.3 acre body of fresh water is the site of a former coal slurry impoundment. It was constructed in the mid-1980's by Eastern Coal Corporation to hold the waste slurry from a new state-of-the-art coal preparation plant. The impoundment was utilized until January 1993 when the operation was sold and subsequently closed by Massey Energy Company. As the property was being reclaimed, a series of discussions, meetings and negotiations with all concerned government regulatory agencies and Pike County Fiscal Court were initiated. The end result was that the property was donated to Pike County in the late 1990's after all environmental and safety conditions set forth by the regulators were met or exceeded. Prior to donation, several miles of road and ample parking spaces were provided and paved, two large permanent shelters with cookers (pictured Bottom Left) were constructed, fish were stocked and money provided to purchase a large pre-cut cabin that Pike County Fiscal Court has since erected (pictured Top Left). Since opening, the Belfry Master Gardeners Club has established a nature trail that extends around the lake. Shortly after, Pike County Fiscal Court built a handicap accessible fishing pier. Grants Branch Park is now a scenic fishing and picnic paradise with a beautiful expanse of grass, trees, sparkling clean water and blue skies as the backdrop.



**Above** - The original plans for Grants Branch Refuse Disposal Facility prepared by FMSM/Kenvirons can be viewed at the Red Robin Museum located at the Historic Red Robin Buildings.



**Left & Below**- Construction on Grants Branch May 1985.



**Right**- Ron Sluss (Tan Shirt), Mine Mgr for Eastern Coal Corporation is shown with other workers at the construction site for Grants Branch.