

Local Hiking Trails



Walking Paths Along Esopus Creek / Emerson Meadows

Please enjoy a moment taking in the surrounding nature. We have a small viewing pond and there is a path along the Mt. Pleasant Road berm from which to watch the Esopus Creek. There are a few paths from the berm down to the creek for exploring. You can follow the road down to the corner where it ends at an overlook of the confluence of the Little Beaverkill and Esopus Creeks. Our property also features many acres of rolling meadows for hiking and exploring. The Woodland Trail, which starts near the General Store's outdoor patio, will take you to the Brookside Wander, our streamside native plant paths, through a pine grove, and finally to the sporting fields.



Maurice Hinchey Catskill Visitor's Center

The Visitor Center provides stewardship and information about the Catskill Mountains. There is a sculpture art park and they have many displays for regional education, history, and conservation. Inside you can see an impressive 3D projected topographic model of our Catskill Mountains. Venturing outside of the Center, check out the newly restored 80 foot fire tower. The cab (very top of the tower) is typically open and staffed on weekends Memorial Day through Columbus Day. You will also find a short series of simple trails. There is also a short network of well-maintained walking paths through the surrounding woods, including two loop trails – The Old Field Trail and the Winnie Farm History Trail. Both are flat and easy to walk. The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference completed a new trail up the hill behind the Catskill Visitor's Center. It is a half mile hike up the trail to a picnic area with views of Mount Pleasant and the Esopus Creek. You'll also find a path that leads across Route 28 and through the woods to a public fishing and scenic area on the Esopus. Open from 9AM-4:30PM. *Turn left out of parking lot, Center is 1.5 miles on the left.*

Ashokan Reservoir

The Ashokan Reservoir is a beautiful and functional body of water formed by the damming of the Esopus Creek. Consisting of two basins separated by a concrete dividing weir and roadway, it holds 122.9 billion gallons at full capacity and was placed into service in 1915. Including the water it receives

from the Schoharie Reservoir, the Ashokan supplies about 40% of New York City's daily drinking water needs in non-drought periods. Water enters the Ashokan's West Basin and, after a settling period, is withdrawn from its East Basin. It is carried southeast under the Hudson River via the 92-mile Catskill Aqueduct, which has a maximum depth of 1,114 feet. The Dividing Weir, atop which Reservoir Road crosses the reservoir, functions to abate sedimentation that occurs in waters that enter the upper reservoir basin. The weir slows the flow between the basins so that the sediment is allowed to settle before the less turbid water is released from the lower basin to begin its journey to the taps of New York City. The dividing weir offers spectacular views of the reservoir and the backdrop of forested mountains. The Spillway, seen from Route 28-A near the junction with Stone Church Road, allows water to exit the reservoir as it exceeds capacity. Stone Church Road leads to Beaverkill Road which crosses the Spillway Gorge, a long rock canyon that enables water to pass from the Spillway to the Esopus Creek.

Ashokan Reservoir Hiking

Promenade

Across the southern shore of the reservoir the promenade offers exceptional views of the reservoir and the mountains, popular among walkers, runners, cyclists, and bird watchers. The first part of the promenade begins at the terminus of a circular cul-de-sac, locally known as "the Frying Pan." The open, paved path runs westerly along the edge of the reservoir for approximately 1.25 miles. Here it ends to allow vehicular traffic to pass. The second part of the promenade begins immediately west of the intersection with Reservoir Road and continues for approximately 1.35 miles where it terminates at a parking area and the junction with Route 28-A. Along the way, this promenade goes beside the reservoir, enters a wooded knoll with a monument dedicated to J. Waldo Smith (engineer of the New York City water supply system), and travels across a dam under which water can be released into the downstream, undammed portion of the Esopus Creek.

Turn left out of the parking lot, after 7.5 miles, turn right onto Reservoir Rd.

Follow Reservoir Road to its end over the bridge, and then make a left. After ¼ mile, turn left onto Route 28A. The next left will lead to the parking area.

Ashokan Rail Trail

Spanning the northern rim of the reservoir is the newly constructed Ashokan Rail Trail. Dog-friendly and wheelchair accessible, this 11.5 mile long gravel trail is ideal for walkers, runners, cyclists, and bird-watchers. Unlike the Promenade to the south, this trail offers a variety of environs, from open views across the 8,315 acre reservoir at the Glenford Dike to quiet forest glades, rocky cliffs, deep forest valleys, rush-filled wetlands, protected ponds and rushing mountain streams. The trail has three access points with parking lots & facilities – Woodstock Dike Trailhead at the east end, Ashokan Station Trailhead near the middle, and Boiceville Bridge Trailhead at the west end, closest to the Emerson Resort & Spa. Boiceville Bridge Trailhead (westernmost end of trail)
Take a left onto Rt. 28 from the Emerson parking lot. Travel 3.3 miles on Rt. 28,

through the town of Boiceville. Turn right onto 28A, travel .3 miles, watch for sign on left for Boiceville Bridge Parking Lot.

Kenneth Wilson Public Campground

Located in the mountainous heart of the Central Catskills in the shadow of Ticetonyk Mountain and features more than a handful of pretty nature views. There are broad activity fields on the grounds that make for great star gazing locations at night. The campground was once several farms. The land was purchased in the 1960's and the campground was opened on June 29, 1979. There are four marked hiking loop trails, including one that will take you past a beaver pond. There are also a few unmarked trails for a more adventurous outing. The front side of the park has manicured lawns and a picnic area, while the wilder backside is marked by wetlands and wooded stands. There is an ADA accessible portion of the trail that leads to a floating dock overlooking Wilson Lake. There are many old stone walls lacing the park, giving it an air of history and mystery. 859 Wittenberg Road, Mt. Tremper, NY 12457

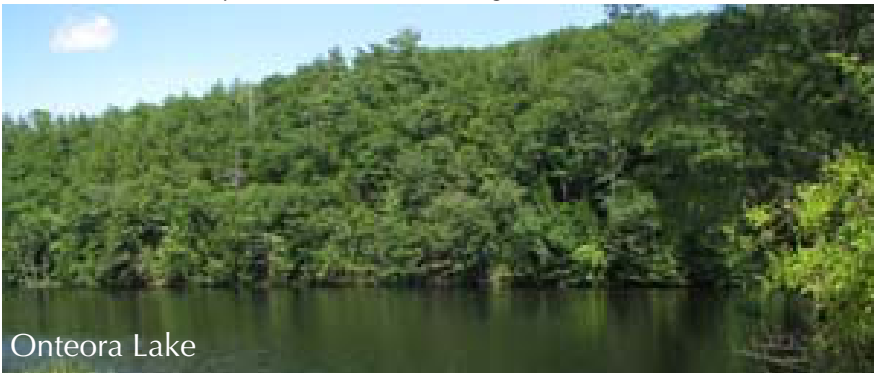
Turn left out of parking lot and go .5 miles to left on Route 212, then .5 miles to right on Route 40. Park is 4 miles on right.

Comeau Property - A Walk in the Park!

This idyllic park is just steps from the center of Woodstock. There are rolling meadows, athletic fields, and a pair of exquisite nature trails. Start at the upper parking lot and follow a well-worn path down the meadow to the David Corbett Trail. Corbett designed and implemented this scenic path through hardwood stands and along the Sawkill Creek, including a wooden boardwalk made from planks of the famous Coney Island Boardwalk! Continue on the West Trail for more views of the creek. There are many places to have a picnic and enjoy the peace. Easy walking trails total an approximate 1.5 mile loop back to the parking lot. *Turn left out of parking lot. Go 13.5 miles to left on Route 375. Drive 3 miles to the end of Route 375 and turn left onto Mill Hill Road. Drive through Woodstock, bearing left onto Tinker Street. Turn left onto Comeau Drive after .2 miles.*

Onteora Lake – A Place to Picnic, Fish, and Hike

7.1 miles with 3 loops. 885 ft elevation change.



Onteora Lake

This gem is easy to miss with its understated entrance off of Route 28, but you will be glad you found it once you take in the picturesque lake. There are a few picnic spots that invite you to drop a line into the warm shallow lake. Bypass the parking lot by the road and drive down to the lower lot. From here there is an ADA accessible path that will parallel the lake. The path gets a little rougher once you are past the lake, but there isn't too much elevation change. The old woods road connects to three trail loops (1.1 miles to the first yellow loop) through upland oaks, moist hemlock forests, and many abandoned bluestone quarries. The yellow trail loop is highly recommended as it passes by the beautiful and peaceful Pickerel Pond before returning to the beginning of the trail (look for the old car wreck and try to imagine how it got there!) The red trail loop ascends a ridge with 2 large vernal pools and upland forest with scattered pitch pines (2.25 miles), and the blue trail loop traverses some relatively rough mixed topography (1.5 miles). These trails are maintained by the local Fats in the Cats bike club and are perfect for mountain biking. *Turn left out of the parking lot and drive 15 miles to entrance on left just after a row of businesses. There is an unmarked trail from the first lot or park at the lower lot closer to the lake.*

Overlook Mountain

4.7 mile round trip. 1,410 ft elevation gain.

A wide gravel trail climbs steadily to the top of Overlook Mountain following an old carriage road that once transported guests in the late 19th century to the Overlook Mountain House. There are nice views through the trees on the way up. At 1.6 miles you see the massive castle-like ruins of the never-completed Overlook Mountain House (elevation 2,900 feet), begun in the 1920's, and now being reclaimed by nature. Nearby is a privately-owned tower for which the carriage road is maintained. The Overlook Road trail makes a left and continues 1.8 miles down to the peaceful Echo Lake. The red trail leads to the fire tower at 3,150 ft. The spur trail to the right of the ground cabin takes you to a ledge with a magnificent view of the Hudson River, Ashokan Reservoir, the Central Catskills, and up to five states. Ledges and drop-offs require care. One-way distance is 2.4 miles. Ascent is a gradual but nonstop incline of 1370 feet. *Turn left out of parking lot. Go 13.5 miles to left on Route 375. Drive 3 miles to the end of Route 375 and turn left onto Mill Hill Rd. Drive into Woodstock and then turn right onto Rock City Road. After .5 miles, the road will cross Glasco Turnpike and become Meads Mountain Road. Continue up the road for 2 miles to the trailhead on the right.*

Sloan Gorge Preserve – Geology Classroom in the Woods

This intriguing and lovely slice of the Catskills eastern escarpment is the gift of the family of Woodstock artist Allan Edward Sloan. Perhaps most notable for its highly visible and tangible geology, Sloan Gorge also boasts scenic, botanical and zoological wonders. Located at the foot of Overlook Mountain on the Woodstock-Saugerties town line, the 88-acre Preserve is a treasure trove of mixed hardwood and coniferous forests, vernal pools, a seasonal stream, and bluestone quarries, and has the first interpretive "geology trail" in the area. The 1.75 mile loop trail is mostly easy with a few glacial features to explore. Sloan

Gorge was carved by glacial meltwaters cascading off the flank of Overlook Mountain and the Catskill Front, flowing north-northeast to south-southwest through the gorge. This deeply entrenched gorge, while mostly dry today, preserves an important chapter in the recent geologic history of the Catskills region. Robert Titus provides an excellent interpretive geology trail description of the gorge, which has been correlated with numbered markers along the trail. *Turn left out of parking lot. Go 13.5 miles to left on Route 375. Drive 3 miles to the end of Route 375 and turn left onto Mill Hill Road. Drive into Woodstock and turn right onto Rock City Road and drive .6 miles, then turn right on Glasco Turnpike. Go 1.7 miles and then turn left on West Saugerties Road. After 1.1 miles, turn right on Goat Hill Road. Bear right at the corner again for .1 miles to Stoll Road. Turn left on Stoll Road. After .2 miles you'll see the Woodstock Land Conservancy kiosk on the left.*



Becker Hollow Falls

Becker Hollow Falls

Drops over 8 feet in two sections near the entrance to an old farmstead. Hike the .4 mile blue blazed Becker Hollow Trail, which passes between two stone pillars (the remnants of a stone arch) and continues on a woody road through a young forest (formerly the Becker family farm). The trail is nearly level, paralleling a cascading stream on the right. After crossing the stream on a wooden footbridge, the trail passes an old concrete dam above the falls. There are several paths leading from the trail to the falls. The main trail continues very steeply up to the summit of Hunter Mountain. *Turn right out of the parking lot and go 3 miles, then turn right onto Route 214. After .2 miles, turn left to stay on Route 214. Go 10.7 miles to parking for Becker Hollow Trail on left.*

Giant Ledge

1.6 miles, 3.2 miles round trip, 1,100 ft elevation gain

An excellent moderate hike with incredible views. This is one of the shorter

hikes to a view, although sections are steep, and the footing can be rough. In only 1.5 miles, you will climb up and over rock scrambles to the Giant Ledge and a series of amazing vistas. The west side of the ridge has the typical smooth rounded shape caused by glacial action and years of erosion, but the east side provides panoramic views of the northern and southern Catskills, as well as the Esopus Valley and forest canopy below. There is actually a series of ledges. The viewpoints sit atop a sheer cliff dropping to the forest floor 180 feet below. You can continue down the other side of Giant Ledge and up and along the Panther Mountain ridge to extend the hike. The trail starts at the hair-pin turn on Route 47 and follows the yellow blazed Phoenicia East Branch Trail to a left on to the Blue Blazed Panther Mountain Trail. *Turn right out of the parking lot and drive 11 miles before turning left onto Oliverea Road (Route 47). The parking area is 7.5 miles up on the right.*



Tan Bark Trail – Interpretive History Trail overlooking Phoenicia

2.3 mile loop. 800 ft elevation change. Blue Blazes (blue trail markers)

The Tan Bark Trail is a good short hike. This hike does have some challenging sections, especially near the beginning, but you are rewarded with great viewpoints overlooking the town of Phoenicia. The 2.3-mile loop hike follows portions of a historic tan bark trail and various old quarry roads that once provided access to bluestone quarries and hemlock trees back in the 1800's. Interpretive signage along the route tells the story. The hike has several short, very steep inclines/declines with an overall elevation gain of 800 ft. Meet the trailhead by the playground equipment in the Parish Field just off Main Street in Phoenicia. *Turn right out of Emerson parking lot. Proceed for 2.5 miles and turn right to follow the large sign into town. At the intersection with Main Street, turn right and park on the road. Proceed back to intersection on foot and follow Mt. Ava Maria Drive walking past the grocery store and library (on left). The park is on the right after the post office.*

Bastion Falls

Bastion Falls is the most accessible and most prominent waterfall in Kaaterskill Clove, dropping 71 feet in two steps along Lake Creek adjacent to where Route 23A makes a horseshoe curve at the trail to Kaaterskill Falls. Parking is available at the Molly Smith parking area on the south side of Route 23A. *Turn right out of the parking lot and go 3 miles, then turn right onto Route 214. After .2 miles, turn left to stay on Route 214. Go 12 miles to the end of Route 214 and turn right onto Route 23A. Drive 6 miles to parking on right.*

Kaaterskill Falls

Kaaterskill Falls is a two-tier waterfall that totals a 231 ft drop, the upper tier falling 167 feet and the lower 64 feet. The falls are one of America's oldest tourist attractions, appearing in some of the most prominent books, essays, poems and paintings of the early 19th century. Beginning with Thomas Cole's first visit in 1825, the falls became an iconic subject for painters of the Hudson River School, setting the wilderness ideal for American landscape painting. Like most of the rest of the waterfalls in Kaaterskill Clove, the drainage area above Kaaterskill Falls is fairly limited and while the falls do flow year round there is a significant reduction in the volume of water present in Lake Creek during the dry season. Access the trail from the Molly Smith parking area on the south side of Route 23A. The trail head is located 0.2 miles down the road from the parking area. From the trailhead it is 0.5 miles to the waterfall. There is a moderate climb for the first 250 feet, then the trail levels off to a gentle climb following the creek. DEC contractors recently completed a new foot trail leading from the end of the marked Kaaterskill Falls trail at the base of the falls upslope to the middle pool of the falls, which included installation of a new stone staircase. The trail was also extended from the middle pool to the Escarpment trail creating a key linkage between the top and the bottom of the falls, allowing hikers to avoid a potentially dangerous bushwhack between the two locations. The top of Kaaterskill Falls is also accessible from the end of Laurel Road. There is a parking lot and a fully accessible trail leading to a new overlook platform at the top of the falls. These features improve the public's view of the falls from the top and enhance safety by directing people to a safe viewing area away from the top of the falls.

Directions to upper trail: *Turn right out of the parking lot and go 3 miles, then turn right onto Route 214. After .2 miles, turn left to stay on Rt. 214. Go 12 miles to the end of Route 214 and turn right onto Route 23A. Drive 4.4 miles, turn left onto N. Lake Rd. Travel 1.8 miles and turn right onto Laurel House Rd. Travel .4 miles to parking lot.*

Directions to lower trail: *Turn right out of the parking lot and go 3 miles, then turn right onto Route 214. After .2 miles, turn left to stay on Route 214. Go 12 miles to the end of Route 214 and turn right onto Route 23A. Drive 6 miles to parking on right.*

Hiking Advisory for Kaaterskill Falls: Please **DO NOT** stray from the designated

paths. Alongside its beauty, Kaaterskill Falls can be extremely dangerous and has taken the lives of many overzealous hikers over the years. When hiking this popular waterfall, it's important to always take precautions. Never attempt to hike beyond the end of the designated hiking trail and do not try to hike any portion of the waterfall itself on either tier. The bedrock is very exposed and eroded causing very dangerous conditions.

Huckleberry Point

5 miles out and back.

Huckleberry Point perches at the northeast corner of Platte Clove in the shadow of 3,655-ft Kaaterskill High Peak. True to its name, huckleberry bushes cover the area and in the fall produce a bumper crop of sweet berries. The trail follows the route up to Kaaterskill High Peak until a side trail to the right, marked with informal red and white discs, heads to the east. Tunnels of mountain laurel line the route, hemming in the trail and giving the area a lush appearance year-round. Once out on the open ground of Huckleberry Point, the views stretch to the south and east. The deep, steep clove is a marked contrast with the high, steep slopes of Indian Head and Plattekill mountains. *Turn right out of the Emerson parking lot and go 3 miles, then turn right onto Route 214. After .2 miles, turn left to stay on Route 214. Go 12 miles to the end of Route 214 and turn right onto Route 23A. After .6 miles, turn right onto Bloomer Road. Bear left onto Platte Clove Road after 1.1 miles. Drive 5 miles and the parking will be on your left.*

Ashokan High Point – Kanape Brook

7 miles round trip, red markers, 2,000 foot elevation gain

This trail follows an old woods road with a gradual incline along scenic Kanape Brook then ascends more steeply on a footpath with rocky sections to the summit of Ashokan High Point. Along Kanape Brook, you can see the remnants of hillside farms on what was once known as Freeman Avery Road. The trail leaves the old road at 2.65 miles, continuing up to Ashokan High Point Mountain (3,080 ft). The climb is intense but rewarding. At the summit, there are anchor bolts in the rock where an old tower once stood. There are seasonal views and a series of clearings with fire rings and views of the Burrough's Range. There is an abundance of wild blueberries on the summit, due to repeated burning. If you are adventurous, you can bushwack east following the ridge to the lower summit - sometimes called Little High Point for open views of the Rondout Valley. There is a field of large, beautiful, and mysterious cairns about 1.5 miles from the trailhead. *Turn left out of the parking lot and drive 3.5 miles through Boiceville before turning right onto Route 28A. After 3 miles, turn right onto Route 42. The parking area is 4 miles up on the right.*

Rochester Hollow – Yesterday's Estate Returns to Nature

3.9 miles with 2 side loops. 1,250 ft elevation change.

This parcel was the former estate of Colonel William Rochester, who purchased small farms in the area to create a large estate. The trail is an old road that once

connected to Rose Mountain Road, and it parallels the stream north for nearly 2 miles before making a sharp turn west for the remaining 0.75-mile. This gently sloping trail is great for families looking for a shorter, moderate hike. Travel back into time as you hike 3.5 miles and 850 feet to the high point on the old woods road, a marvel of engineering with old stone walls and culverts, carved out of the side of Rose Mountain. The monument dedicated to 19th-century Catskills naturalist John Burroughs was erected in 1921. There are two scenic side trails for further exploration and leaf peeping. The Burroughs Memorial Forest trail winds through a series of tall and stately stone fences, intricately constructed by long-ago engineers. A little more than half a mile beyond the Burroughs monument are the remains of the Rochester estate. Just beyond, in an open pole stand, is a nicely kept lean-to, a great place for lunch. Following the Eignor Farm trail, look for an old meadow guarded by a giant sugar maple and gorgeous red oak grove and some interesting stone foundations from the Eignor Farm. *Turn right out of the parking lot and drive 12 miles to Matyas Road. Turn right and park at the end of the road.*



Diamond Notch Trail

Diamond Notch Trail / Waterfall – Lover's Glen

2.8 miles. 550 ft elevation change.

This hike begins at the eastern end of the high-walled Spruceton Valley, at the end of Greene County Route 6. The valley can be accessed only from the west, and the long drive into the glacially carved landscape is scenic. The dwindling waters of the West Kill parallel the road's dwindling width. The road ends at a small parking area and then continues as the foot trail. This trail is very old. The trail first existed for the Mohawk Indians who used it to travel from valley-to-valley. Later on a new road was built on the east side that was higher

up on the mountain side. This is the road that the trail is now on. Water often rushes over and through the rocky surface of the short trail. Almost every bend in the trail and stream brings a new and stunning streamscape. Dark hemlocks are common alongside the lively stream. Diamond Notch Falls is a small, graceful 15-foot waterfall accompanied by a whitewater cascade. Both are nestled in a small canyon. A short, steep drop from the trail ends at a spot perfect for contemplation. The course of the falls was drastically altered by Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. Before the storm, the main course flowed from the right outlet, but it has since moved over to the left side. Continue on the Blue Blazed trail up past a lean to on your left before arriving at the actual Diamond Notch between Hunter and West Kill Mountain. There is a viewpoint about .15 miles past the notch. *Turn right out of the parking lot and drive 8 miles to right onto Route 42. Drive 7.3 miles to Spruceton Road and turn right. Go another 7.4 miles all the way to the last parking lot.*

Spruceton Trail - Hunter Mountain Tower Loop

8 mile loop. 2,200 ft elevation change.

This loop hike climbs to the second-highest peak in the Catskills, with outstanding views from the fire tower at the summit and from several other viewpoints along the trail. The fire tower is open to the public, and it affords excellent views in all directions. The trail climbs moderately from the Spruceton Trail along a jeep road to the summit and then follows the notorious Devil's Path back down to the Diamond Notch Trail, past the waterfall and back out to Spruceton Road. There is plenty of varied topography here, from narrow through thick spruce-fir forest at the higher elevations, to stony terrain through stands of maple and beech trees. *Turn right out of the parking lot and drive 8 miles to right onto Route 42. Drive 7.3 miles to Spruceton Road and turn right. Go another 7.1 miles to the Hunter Mountain parking lot on the left.*

Tremper Mountain - Phoenicia Fire Tower

2.75 miles one way. 2,000 elev change.

Red blazes. (Red Trail Markers)

Tremper Mountain is a nice hike up the old jeep trail to the Fire Tower. The hike immediately climbs 100 feet up the stairs made out of rocks. After 0.3 miles, you will be joined with the old jeep trail to the Tremper Mountain Fire Tower. The trail is a continuous climb, going past the Baldwin Memorial Lean-to at 1.95 miles and a pipe spring at 2.2 miles. There is a Rattlesnake den about 100 feet off the trail in the old bluestone quarry at 1.5 miles (elevation 1,450 ft). The Fire Tower at 2,740 ft was built in 1917, and used up until 1971. The tower was restored and opened to the public in 2001 and is 47 feet



Mount Tremper Fire Tower

high. Turn left out of the parking lot and go .5 miles and turn left on Route 212. After another .5 miles, turn left onto County Road 40 (Plank Road). The trailhead is 2.5 miles up on the right.

Ashokan Quarry Trail

2 miles approximate total hike

The Ashokan Quarry Trail is sited on the NYC Department of Environmental Protection's Acorn Hill parcel, just to the south of the Ashokan Reservoir. The 2 mile lollipop route offers close-up views of Ashokan High Point and to the mountains north and west including the Burroughs Range, North Dome and Tremper Mountain. The trail passes by several artifacts from the reservoir's construction phase including a rail car loading zone and the remnants of machinery used to load stone. The trail passes through a thick stand of mountain laurel which is in bloom in June. The AQT is an easy hike which is mostly flat except during the modest ascent to the top of the quarry. The quarry wall is high and sheer, offering open views at its highest point. There is a vernal pool at its base that is fed by water flowing down the face of the cliffs. *Turn left out of the parking lot and go 3.4 miles on Route 28. Bear right onto Route 28A, go 7.8 miles. Entrance to parking and trailhead will be on your right.*



Plateau Mountain - Orchard Point

2.8 miles out and back. 1,900 ft elevation change.

Red Blazes. (Red Trail Markers)

Park at the serene and beautiful Notch Lake at Stony Clove to explore this steep and challenging section of The Devil's Path. Stony Clove Notch is a narrow

mountain pass with rugged visual appeal. The route follows the Devil's Path as it heads east out of Stony Clove. The trail is a very steep rise out of Stony Clove Notch to a long, level plateau with isolated views. The ascent from Devil's Tombstone is one of the quickest and steepest in the Catskills. The Orchard is a grandiose viewpoint located on Plateau Mountain's western face. The hike is short—only a little more than a mile—but the trail rises more than 1,500 feet, making it one of the steepest ascents in the Catskill Mountains. A cool breeze is common, adding the refreshing scent of balsam to the air. The view is outstanding and expansive. You can take in both Belleayre and Hunter Mountain ski areas in one glance! A second viewpoint of Kaaterskill High Peak and the Platte Clove can be found just 5 minutes further on the trail. The trail actually goes across the long flat summit of Plateau Mountain to a junction with the Warner Creek Trail on Daley Ridge and then continues on the Devil's Path. *Turn right out of the parking lot onto Rt. 28 and drive 3 miles to turn right onto Main Street. Drive .2 miles and turn left onto Rt. 214. Stay on Rt. 214 for 9 miles until you see signs for the Stony Clove Notch parking lot on the left.*



Notch Lake

Notch Lake is a small artificial lake in the Devil's Pass between Hunter and Plateau Mountains. It is the beginning of the Stony Clove Creek, and was historically referred to as Stygian Lake, which was the mythological headwaters of the River Styx. It is one of the few places in the Catskills where there is a patch of Boreal Forest growing below 3,000 feet above sea level. A fire occurred near the northern shore in the 1990's. There is a parking area and a site for a picnic/barbeque. *Turn right out of the parking lot and go 3 miles, then turn right onto Route 214. After .2 miles, turn left to stay on Route 214. Go 9 miles to parking on left. Trailhead is on right.*

Mount Romer – Mt. Pleasant – Mt. Cross

9.5 miles one way. 1,350 ft elevation gain. Blue Blazes. (Blue Trail Markers)
The new section of the Long Path is a 9.5-mile stretch of trail connecting the village of Phoenicia to the Burroughs Range Trail, crossing three Catskill mountains: Romer, Pleasant, and Cross. The trail gains its elevation with switchbacks in small shorter steep sections, with plenty of level terrain. The trail builders' stonework is quite impressive, and their constructed stairs make



the trail much easier. There are a few limited views of the Esopus Valley side, with seasonal views of Panther Mountain on the Woodland Valley side. Just South of Pleasant Mountain there are open ledges with amazing views of Wittenberg Mountain and Woodland Valley. *Turn right out of Emerson parking lot and go 3.3 miles to Woodland Valley Road. Turn left and go .2 miles before turning left onto High Street. Go .5 miles and turn right on Lane Street and park at the end of the road.*

Pecoy Notch Trail

2.4 miles to Devil's Path. 500 ft elevation change. Blue Blazes. (Blue Trail Markers) The trail begins off of the Roaring Kill Road and at mile post 0.87, you will encounter Dibble's Quarry, which was in operation until sometime around the late 1800's. No one knows how it came to be – but thanks to these anonymous artists, the mysterious rooms, thrones, benches, fire pits, and even a spiral staircase feel as if they could have been part of the landscape for centuries. They also have an excellent view of Kaaterskill High Peak. About half a mile after the quarry, there is a stream that leads down to a hidden waterfall. There are some pleasant cascades at the trail crossing, but further exploration below the trail will lead you to discover the 5 larger plunges. There are many rocks for basking in the falls' intimacy. Please use caution when scrambling off path to get to the base of the falls. At mile post 1.37, you will come upon a large beaver pond. As you walk down the trail a little further you will come to the beaver's dam. The actual notch is another .5 miles up about 350 ft elevation. *Turn right out of the Emerson parking lot and go 3 miles, then turn right onto Route 214. After .2 miles, turn left to stay on Route 214. Go 12 miles to the end of Route 214 and turn right onto Route 23A. After .6 miles, turn right onto Bloomer Road. Bear left onto Platte Clove Road after 1.1 miles. Drive 3.3 miles and turn right onto Dale Lane. The parking area and trailhead is 1.2 miles up on the left.*



Beaver dam and pond below Pecoy Notch

Curtis-Ormsbee Trail to Slide Mountain

5 mile loop, 1,900 ft elevation gain.

Often referred to as the scenic route up Slide Mountain, the Curtis-Ormsbee trail provides the hiker with three panoramic vistas to the south and west and a moderate “terraced” ridge hike through stunted northern hardwoods. There is a water crossing that can be dangerous at the beginning. Follow the yellow Phoenicia East Branch Trail southwest to its juncture with the blue-marked Curtis-Ormsbee Trail. It is named in memory of William Curtis and Allen Ormsbee who originally blazed this route and later lost their lives during a mountaineering expedition in the White Mountains in 1900. The trail joins the red Slide Mountain trail near the summit. Just past the summit there is an incredible view to the North. *Turn right out of the Emerson parking lot and drive 11 miles before turning left onto Olivera Road (Route 47). The parking area is 10 miles up on the left.*



Curtis-Ormsbee Trail to Slide Mountain



INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED

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