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Walks & Hikes In and Around the Jackson Where You Should Be!



Be Aware of your surroundings, remember... Weather changes quickly! Never hike alone, always be prepared... Wear proper shoes & clothing & Tell someone you have gone hiking. Bring a whistle! Please "Leave it as you Find It"... take out trash, stick to the trails and help keep it pristine & inviting for generations to come!



Walking & Hiking Trails

Walks

Rt. 16A Loop in Jackson Village is the village stroll around Jackson. From the covered bridge, walk into the Village, past inns and shops. Staying left, cross the Wildcat River by the Community Church, and continue past the Wentworth Resort Golf Course before coming out on Route 16 proper. Head left along Route 16, returning to the covered bridge. A level 1 1/2 mile walk.

Jackson Falls: Wildcat Brook drops steeply into Jackson Village in a series of cascades and small waterfalls. It is a lovely place to picnic, sun oneself on beautiful rock slabs, or cool off in the many pools. The upper pools above the falls may be accessed from Carter Notch Rd. by the parking lot on the left side of the brook. Overflow parking is available 0.25 miles east on Valley Cross Rd. at the Jackson X-C ski lot. A path to the bottom of the falls, with good pools and views of the falls, leaves from the parking lot across from the Wentworth Hotel (follow the public access signs). A Sidewalk also runs up the road to the upper falls for pedestrian access. Plan your visit accordingly because Jackson Falls has a carry in/carry out policy.

Carter Notch Road & Route 16B: The complete loop is 5 1/2 miles offering a variety of terrain and views. If you start from above Jackson Falls, it's only 4 1/2 miles around and without the steep climb up past the Falls. Another alternative is to drive up Carter Notch Road, park by the Falls walk up to Valley Cross Road taking that right go to the end of the road taking a left onto 16 B walk approximately 1 mile taking a left onto Wilson Road at the end of the road take a left to the end of that road then take a left back onto 16B passing Eagle Mountain Resort back down to the Jackson Falls. This also makes for a good run if you prefer.

Hikes

The Mystery House Loop Trail This trail begins just beside the Town Library on what was once the historical Gray's Inn property. The first trail sign is at the end of the long parking lot which was once the tennis courts for Gray's Inn. There are 2 loops, approximately 1.5 miles from beginning to end. This trail follows Ice Pond Brook and has along its way stops at the 1800's Ice Pond Dam and the old early 1900's cement dam. It crosses Ice Pond Brook uphill to the junction of

the lower loop. Bearing right uphill again follow the signs to the Mystery House foundation and the upper loop. This upper loop affords 2 nice views, one towards majestic Mt. Washington, and the other towards Carter Notch. Coming down the mountain the lower loop takes you over to the historic Thorn Hill Inn, and back through the apple orchard, originally propagated by the Inn for guests, returning to Jackson village, and the parking lot where you first began.

North Doublehead—3,053': From the Village, drive up Rt. 16B to Dundee Road and past Black Mountain Ski Area to parking at the sign for Doublehead, the trail winds through the woods and takes you to the saddle between North and South Doublehead. Good views once you get to the top. Return by the same route, or cross over to South Doublehead and continue down, coming out on Dundee Road 1/2 mile from where you entered. Walk back down to you car. 4 miles, 2-4 hours, 1800' climb.

Hall's Ledge Trail (3.2 mi round trip, 2 hr. 25 min.) Drive up Carter Notch Rd. 5.4 miles from Jackson Village to the hiking parking lot at the end of the road. The Hall's Ledge Trail primarily runs on logging roads which are also X-C ski trails. From the town kiosk, the Hall's Ledge Trail begins climbing the logging road also labeled as the Wildcat Valley Trail (X-C ski) trail. Continue following the gravel road past junctions with the Quail (X-C ski) and Dana Place (X-C ski) trails on your left. At 0.5 miles the Hall's Ledge Trail continues straight on a grassy logging road (still also the Wildcat Valley X-C Trail) while the gravel road turns right and the Orchard (X-C Ski) trail leaves on your left. At 0.6 miles, continue past the junctions with the Hub's Loop (X-C ski) and the Beth Hendrick (X-C ski) trails. At 1.3 miles the Wildcat Valley (X-C ski) trail veers off to the right and the Hall's Ledge Trail turns left. At 1.4 miles the trail opens to a large clearing with excellent southern views. Continuing 0.2 miles past the field, the trail descends slightly to a picnic table with a view towards Mt. Washington.



Remember...
we share our trails
with lots of
wildlife.



Short Hikes at Pinkham Notch

Crystal Cascade: A very popular short hike part way up the Tuckerman Ravine Trail to Mt. Washington. 3/8 of a mile, 15-20 minutes up. Nice waterfall in a woods setting. The trail is wide and easy.

Square Ledge and Lost Pond: Panoramic views of Mt. Washington from a rocky out-cropping above Pinkham Notch. From the AMC parking area, cross Route 16, taking the Lost Pond Trail for 1/10 of a mile before branching left on the Square Ledge Trail. At the base of the rocks, climb up on the right side to reach the viewpoint. 1 mile and 30 minutes each way. The trail to Lost Pond is also about 1 mile and after paralleling the river a way, climbs up to the pond, offering views of the Gulf of Slides, and Huntington Ravine.

Lowe’s Bald Spot: A longer hike, and with views from the slopes of Mt. Washington north into the Great Gulf Wilderness. From Pinkham Notch Camp, follow the Old Jackson Road (the Appalachian Trail south) for 1.8 miles to the Auto Road, then continue on Madison path for 0.2 miles to the lookout spot. Allow 1.5 hours to cover the 2 miles up to Lowe’s Bald Spot.

More Challenging Hikes

Glen Boulder Trail on Mt. Washington: this is a steep hike part way up Mt. Washington which offers the hiker the shorter climb to get above timberline. Although the trail continues on up Mt. Washington, the goal of this hike is a huge boulder, precariously balanced on a ridge high above the Pinkham Notch highway, it is easily seen from the highway. Start from the Glen Ellis parking area, 8 miles north of Jackson and follow the well-marked trail, noting the various trail intersections along the way. Although in places quite steep, the 1.6 mile trail up to the boulder doesn't pose any particular obstacles. Hikers should allow about 3-4 hours for the roundtrip.

Climbing Mt. Washington 6,288’: From Pinkham Notch Camp, the 4.1 mile long Tuckerman Ravine Trail leads to the top. Because of the elevation gain (over 4,200’!) those that are successful in making it to the top will use about 8 hours for the roundtrip. This is not a hike to be taken lightly: you will need to be self-sufficient, adequately equipped, in good physical condition and have favorable weather. Obtain the up-to-date local weather forecast from the AMC information desk before setting out. The Hermit Lakes Shelters are reached at 2.4 miles. Assuming a steady pace, this represents the halfway point in terms of time. Above hermit Lakes, the trail is steeper and more difficult.

After arriving in the **Tuckerman Bowl** (the Ravine proper) the trail ascends the Headwall, famous for its spring skiing, before slackening off somewhat for the final push past Tuckerman Junction and on to the summit. Descend by the same route.

Raymond Path Loop: A nice loop hike for a day. From the door at Pinkham Notch, follow the Old Jackson Road about 1.7 miles to its junction with the Raymond Path. This trail ascends through forests, crosses the Huntington Ravine Trail where you can turn left to return to the Tuckerman Trail, or you can continue until it finally ends at the Tuckerman Ravine Trail very close to the Hermit Lake Shelter Area. Follow the Tuckerman Ravine Trail down to Pinkham Notch Camp. Distance: 6 miles. Time: 4 hours, 30 minutes. Elevation Gain: 1770 feet.

SHORT HIKES NEAR PINKHAM NOTCH USDA Forest Service White Mountain National Forest

These short hikes, suitable for families and beginning hikers, are all located near Rt. 16 in Pinkham Notch, approximately 10 miles south of Gorham, NH. The distances and times listed are one-way. The map on the back of this sheet is for general information only and should not be used as a trail guide; please bring a topographical map with you.

Located at the base of the Mt. Washington Auto Road in Pinkham Notch, New Hampshire, Great Glen Trails Outdoor Center offers summer activities and events for families, friends, and groups of all ages. If you want to jog, run, or simply a peaceful place for a walk in the woods, come and enjoy 45 kilometers of beautifully maintained trails. Wide, gravel carriage roads are perfect for a stroll and are accommodating to strollers and bikes with baby trailers. An easy 2-mile hike brings you to Great Angel Cabin where you can picnic and enjoy gorgeous views. Trails are free to walk or run in the summer. Bike rentals are available, along with Guided Wildlife Tours. Great Glen Trails is also open during the winter, offering snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, fatbiking, and snow tubing. Info: www.greatglentrails.com

WATERFALLS

Glen Ellis Falls: (0:3 ml. - 20 mm.) Park in the Glen Ellis Falls parking area on the west side Of Rt. 16. Go through the tunnel under Rt. 16 and down the stone walkway and stairs constructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930's. After passing several overlooks, you will reach the falls which drop 66'. *Please be aware you will climb down more than 150 rock hewn steps on your way to the falls.*

Crystal Cascade: (0.4 ml., - 20 mm.) This easy hike for families with young children leads to a beautiful volcanic vent. Park at the AMC's Pinkham Notch Visitor Center parking area. Follow the Tuckerman Ravine trail (which leaves from behind the Visitor Center) until you see steps on your right leading to the overlook for Crystal Cascade.

Thompson Falls: (0.8 ml. - 1/2 hr.) Starting the Wildcat Ski Area parking lot, cross the bridge on the left side of the building. Turn left and follow the self-guided nature trail to the Service Road. After crossing the road, walk along the side of Thompson Brook to the falls; this series of cascades

A HIDDEN WOODLAND POND

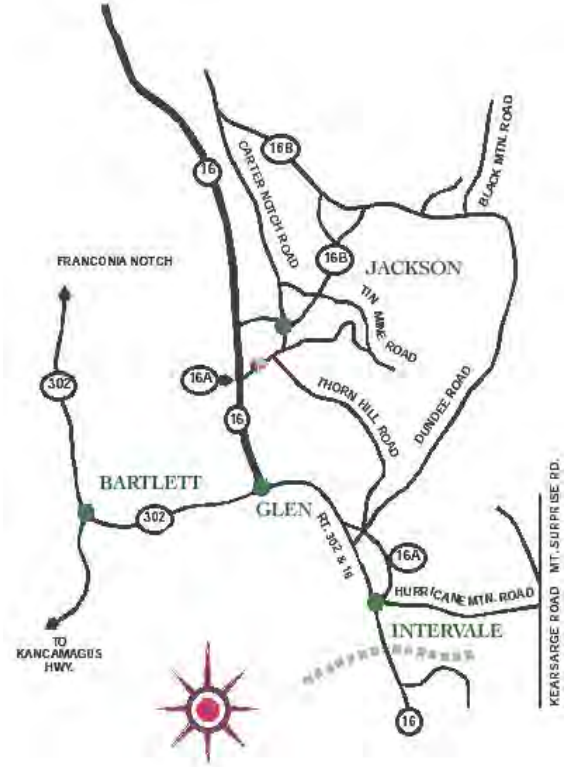
Lost Pond: (1 mi. 1/2 hr.) This short walk takes you past beaver ponds along a mountain stream and through the forest. Park at the AMC Pinkham Notch Visitor Center lot. Cross Rt. 16 and look for the sign for the Lost Pond Trail. After crossing a small bridge near the beaver pond, the trail curves to the right. As you climb uphill, take a short break to admire Mt. Washington across the road. Continue until you see the pond on your right.

GREATVIEWS

Square Ledge: (1/2 ml.- 1/2 hr.) If you stand in the AMC's Pinkham Notch Visitor Center parking lot, look across Rt. 16 and slightly to your left. The large rocky outcrop- ping you see is Square Ledge. Starting on the Lost Pond trail, just after you cross the bridge look for the sign to Square Ledge Follow the Square' Ledge trail as it gradually climbs to the base of the ledge. After climbing steeply for a short distance along the right side of the ledge, turn to your left and continue along the back of the ledge. When you reach the top, you'll be rewarded with excellent views of Mt. Washington and Pinkham Notch. *Be careful - Square Ledge has steep drop-offs*

The 10 Essentials for Hiking from the American Hiking Society: www.AmericanHiking.org

1. Appropriate footwear.
2. Map and compass/GPS.
3. Extra water and a way to purify it.
4. Extra food.
5. Rain gear and extra clothing.
6. Safety items: fire, light and a whistle.
7. First aid kit.
8. Knife or multi-purpose tool.
9. Sun screen and sun glasses.
10. Daypack/backpack.



General Comments on Hiking

- Have a plan which allows you enough time.
- If running out of time turn back early.
- If you are new to hiking ask for advice and begin with shorter hikes and walks.
- Take adequate food, drink and extra clothing.
- The times given in this brochure are average times neither fast nor very slow.
- At higher elevations even in summer, weather conditions can deteriorate very rapidly! KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEATHER! PROPER FOOT GEAR IS IMPERATIVE!
- Please help us keep our hiking trails and walking ways clean... carry out any trash you carry in. Thank you

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