

HOC 46 Peak Weekend Trips

(Revised 9/99)

B = bushwhack/ unmarked trail

* = overnight recommended

+ = exact mileage not known because it is a trailless peak

B*1) Santanoni Range (Santanoni, Panther, Couchi)

Trailhead: 2.0 Mi. below Upper Works

Route: Approach and return on Duck Hole via Bradley Pond trail (p.257-59)
Summit Santanoni, Panther, and Couchi – all bushwhack (herdpath for all 3 leaves trail
0.3 mi. S of Santanoni lean-to at a beaver dam) (p.260-1)

Route Distance: 8.6+ mi.

Difficulty: hardcore

B**2) Swards #1 (Emmons, Donaldson with approach over Seward)

Trailhead: 5.8 Mi. off Rte. 3 (outside of Coreys) between Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake

Route: Approach and return on Duck Hole from Coreys via Ward Brook Truck trail (p. 262-4)
Approach and return from Emmons and Donaldson over Seward (easiest route) – all
bushwhack (p. 269-70)

Route Distance: 10.6+ mi.

Difficulty: hardcore

B**3) Swards #2 (Seward, Seymour)

Trailhead: 5.8 Mi. off Rte. 3 (outside of Coreys)

Route: Duck Hole from Coreys via Ward Brook Truck trail (p.262-4)
Bushwhack to Seward (approach from 1st brook crossed 0.2 MI. SE of Coreys-Fire truck
trail junction) (p. 269-70)
Ward Brook Truck trail bushwhack to Seymour (1st brook after lean-to, 0.1 mi. SE Ward
Brook lean-to) (p.269-70)
Return Ward Brook Truck trail to Coreys

Route Distance: 10.6+ mi.

Difficulty: hardcore

B*4) Mt. Marshall

Trailhead: Upper Works

Route: Calamity Brook trail (#121 p.242-6) trail around NW shore of Lake Colden (#69 p. 141)
Lake Colden - Indian Pass trail (p. 148)
Mt. Marshall – bushwhack (herdpath leads from height of land between Iroquois and
Marshall) (p.149-50)
Return same Rte.

Route Distance: 15.2+ mi.

Difficulty: hard

B*5) Mt. Cliff

Trailhead: Upper Works

Route: Calamity brook trail (#121 p. 242-6)
Cliff – bushwhack (leave from height of land between Cliff and Redfield on abandoned
Twin Brook trail (p. 248)
Return to Upper works via Calamity Brook trail

Route Distance: 14.8+ mi.

Difficulty: moderate/hard

B*6) Mt. Allen

Trailhead: Upper Works

Route: Calamity Brook trail (#121 p. 242-6)
Flowed Lands via Hanging Spear Falls (#123 p.248-51)
Mt. Allen – bushwhack (leave from site of former Twin Brooks lean-to) (p. 151) continue
on Flowed Lands via Hanging Spear Falls trail parking area 0.5 Mi. below Upper Works

Route Distance: 13.2+ mi.

Difficulty: hard

7) McIntyres - Algonquin, Wright, Iroquois (unmarked trail)

Trailhead: ADK Loj *\$7 parking fee/day unless parked on road*

Route(s): option 1

Loj to Algonquin trail (#61 p.130)
 Junction Algonquin trail to summit Algonquin (#64 p. 137)
 Side trail to Wright (#65 p. 139)
 Algonquin summit to Iroquois summit via unmarked trail (#66 p.139)
 Junction Algonquin-Iroquois trails to Lake Colden (#71 p.147)
 Trail around NW shore Lake Colden (#69 p.144)
 Avalanche Pass to Marcy Dam (#68 p.143-4)
 Van Hoevenberg trail to Loj (#61 p.130-33)

option 2

Loj to Algonquin trail (#61 p.130)
 Junction Algonquin trail to summit Algonquin (#64 p.137)
 Side trail to Wright (#65 p.139)
 Algonquin summit to Iroquois summit via unmarked trail (#66 p.139)
 Return same route

Route Distance: option 1 – 13.9 mi.
 option 2 – 11.0 mi.

Difficulty: moderate/ hard

NOTE: if interested, carry rock from trailhead @ Loj to pile on summit Algonquin

8) Mt. Colden

Trailhead: ADK Loj *\$7 parking fee/day unless parked on road*

Route: Van Hoevenberg trail to Marcy Dam (#61 p.130-33)
 Marcy Dam to Lake Arnold via Avalanche Camp (#73 p.150)
 Mt. Colden from Lake Arnold via L. Morgan Porter trail (#74 p.151-2)
 Mt. Colden to Lake Colden (#70 p.145-6)
 Avalanche Pass (#68 p.141-3)
 Van Hoevenberg trail (@ Marcy Dam) (#61 p.130-33)

Route Distance: 13.6 mi.

Difficulty: moderate/hard

9) Mt. Phelps

Trailhead: ADK Loj *\$7 parking fee/day unless parked on road*

Route: Van Hoevenberg trail (#61 p.130-33)
 Trail to summit Phelps (#62 p.134)
 Return via same route

Route Distance: 8.8 mi.

Difficulty: easy

B 10) Tabletop

Trailhead: ADK Loj *\$7 parking fee/day unless parked on road*

Route: Van Hoesenberg trail (#61 p.130-33) to Indian falls
Summit Tabletop – bushwhack (follow compass line from Indian Falls or Marcy Brook)
Return on same route

Route Distance: 8.8+ mi.

Difficulty: moderate

B*11) Marcy, Skylight and Gray (bushwhack)

Trailhead: ADK Loj *\$7 parking fee/day unless parked on road*

Route: Van Hoesenberg trail to summit Marcy (#61 p.130-33)
Four Corners (#121 p.242-6)
Summit Skylight (#122 p.246-7)
Lake Tear-of-the-Clouds (#121 p.242-6)
Gray summit – bushwhack (from Lake Tear) (p.247)
Avalanche Camp to Lake Arnold and Feldspar Brook trail (#121 p.242-6)
Marcy Dam (#73 p.150-1)
Van Hoesenberg trail (#61 p.130-33)

Route Distance: 17.6 mi.

Difficulty: hard

NOTE: can carry rock from pile at Loj trailhead to summit of Marcy, if interested

*12) Saddleback, Basin

Trailhead: the Garden *\$5/day parking fee*

Route: Southside trail (#3 p.45-7)
Junction with State Range trail (#8 p.51-2)
Summit Saddleback (#9 p.53-55)
Summit Basin (#9 p.53-55)
Shorey shortcut (#11 p. 57)
Phelps trail (#1 p.40-44)

Route Distance: 16.3 mi.

Difficulty: moderate/hard

*13) Haystack

Trailhead: the Garden *\$5/day parking fee*

Route: Phelps trail (#1 p.40-44)
 State Range trail (#9 p.53-55)
 Summit Haystack (#10 p.56-7)
 State Range trail (#9 p.53-55)
 Shorey shortcut (#11 p.57)
 Phelps trail (#1 p.40-1)

Route Distance: 18.0 mi.

Difficulty: hard

14) Great Range (Gothics, Armstrong, Upper and Lower Wolfjaws)

Trailhead: the Garden *\$5/day parking fee*

Route: Southside trail (#3 p.45-7)
 ADK Range trail (#4 p.47-9)
 Summit Lower Wolfjaw (#5 49-50)
 Summit Upper Wolfjaw, Armstrong, Gothics (#4 p.47-9)
 Orebed Brook trail to DEC Interior Outpost (#8 p.51-3)
 Southside trail (#3 p.45-7)

Route Distance: 15.5 mi.

Difficulty: moderate/hard

15) Sawteeth

Trailhead: Park off Rte. 73 opposite Roaring Brook lot

Route: 0.5 miles from trailhead to Lake Road
 Lake Road (#25 p.79-81)
 Gothics from Lower Ausable Lake via Pyramid Peak (#35 p.90-1)
 Sawteeth via pyramid-Gothics trail (#37 p.92-3)
 Sawteeth from Lower Ausable Lake (#36 p.91-2)
 Lake Road (#25 p.79-81)

Route Distance: 13.2 mi.

Difficulty: moderate

16) Big Slide via the Brothers

Trailhead: the Garden *\$5/day parking fee*

Route: Big slide via the Brothers (#15 p.61-2)
Summit Big Slide
Slide Mt. brook trail (#13 p.59-60)
Phelps trail (#1 p.40-4)

Route Distance: 9.5 mi.

Difficulty: easy

17) Nippletop and Dial

Trailhead: parking off Rte. 73 across from Roaring Brook lot

Route: 0.5 mi. from parking lot to Lake Rd.
Lake Road (#25 p.79-81)
Henry Goddard Leach trail to Dial and Nippletop (#42 p.97-9)
Summit Bear Den Mt, Dial Mt, Nippletop (#42 p.97-9)
Nippletop via Elk Pass (#41 p.96-7)
Lake Rd. (#25 p.79-81)

Route Distance: 13.3 mi.

Difficulty: moderate/hard

B 18) East Dix, South Dix, Macomb

Trailhead: Elk Lake Lodge

Route: Approach and return on Elk Lake-Dix trail (#119 p.235-7)
Summit Macomb (via slide brook), S. Dix (follow ridge down col – up open rocks),
and E. Dix (follow ridge)

Route Distance: 4.6+ mi.

Difficulty: hard

*B 19) Dix and Hough

Trailhead: Rte. 73

Route: Round Pond trail (Dix Mt. from rte 73) (#46 p.103-5)
Summit Dix (#46 p.103-5)
Beckhorn (Dix via Beckhorn trail) (#120 p.238)
Hough via Beckhorn Ridge (p.238-40)
Return on same route

Route Distance: 14.0 mi.

Difficulty: moderate

B 20) Whiteface and Esther

Trailhead: parking at Wilmington Reservoir (off Whiteface Memorial highway)

Route: Summit Whiteface via Wilmington trail (#82 p.168-9)
 Unmarked trail to Esther (p.171)
 Return on same rte.

Route Distance: 13.0 mi.

Difficulty: easy/moderate

21) Giant and Rocky Peak Ridge

Trailhead: Chapel Pond (Rte. 73)

Route: Summit Giant Mt. via Ridge trail (#48 p.107-9)
 East trail to Rocky Peak Ridge (#112 p.220-22)
 Return via same rte.

Route Distance: 8.6 mi.

Difficulty: easy/moderate

B 22) Street and Nye

Trailhead: ADK Loj *\$7 parking fee/day unless parked on road*

Route: Indian Pass from Hear Lake trail (#75 p.152-4)
 Nye Mt. via Old Nye ski trail (p.155)
 Street Mt. via ridge from Nye (p.155)
 Return same rte.

Route Distance: 1.0++ mi.

Difficulty: moderate

23) Cascade and Porter

Trailhead: Rte. 73 at Cascade Lakes

Route: Summit Cascade Mt. trail from Cascade Lakes (#90 p.181-2)
 Summit Porter Mt. from junction with Cascade trail (#91 p.182)
 Return via same rte.

Route Distance: 6.2 mi.

Difficulty: easy

24) Colvin and Blake

Trailhead: parking on Rte. 73 (across from Roaring Brook)

Route: 0.5 Mi. from trailhead to Lake Road
Lake Road (#25 p.79-81)
Summit Colvin from Lake Road via shorter Gill Brook trail (#40 p.95-6)
Mt. Colvin carry trail (#55 p. 118-9)
Summit Blake Peak (#56 p.119)
Mt. Colvin Carry trail (#55 p. 118-9)
Lake Road via long Gill Brook trail (#40 p. 95-6)
Lake Road (#25 p.79-80)

Route Distance: 15.0 mi.

Difficulty: moderate

*25) Mt. Redfield

Trailhead: Upper Works

Route: Calamity Brook Trail (#121 p.242-6)
Bushwhack to Mt. Redfield – follow Uphill Brook from Uphill Lean-to (p.247-8)
Return via same route

Route Distance: 14.8+ mi.

Difficulty: moderate/hard