

Vermont Hiking around Basin Harbor

Abbey Pond Trail

East Middlebury Vermont, Intermediate, 4.2 miles

The trail is primarily used for hiking and is accessible year-round. Directions from East Middlebury, VT: Travel 5.5 miles north of East Middlebury on SR 116. The trail begins on the east side of the road. 24 miles from BHC.

Burnt Rock Trail

North Fayston Vermont, Difficult, 5.2 miles

A steep, 5.2 mile round-trip hike that takes you up to some of the best viewing on the Long Trail. The trail begins at the parking lot at the end of Big Basin Road before the steel pipe gate. You follow the Hedgehog Brook Trail along a stream. The trail ascends gently at first, becoming steeper as you get higher. After 2.5 miles, it joins the Long Trail. Shortly after joining the Long Trail, a short spur trail to the left leads to a small glacial pothole, one of the largest in New England. Burnt Rock Mountain is named for the fact that the bare summit, at only 3168', is well below the scrub line. The fantastic views take in peaks and ranges visible in most directions, including Camel's Hump and the Allens. Descend by the same route. From Waitsfield, go north on Rt. 100 to Center Fayston Road. Turn left onto Center Fayston Road and stay on that to Big Basin Road. Turn left onto Big Basin road and park at the end. 45 miles from BHC.

Camels Hump Trail

Huntington Center Vermont, Difficult, 5.7 miles

This 4,083 foot peak has a very unique summit cone that gives it its name. You'll be following the Burrows Trail through Camel's Hump State Park for 4.8 miles round trip. Just before you reach the summit you'll come to the junction of the Long Trail which you will follow up the steep cone to the summit. From there you will return the same way you went up. 38 miles from BHC.

Clark Brook Trail

Rochester Vermont, Intermediate, 6 miles

The trail ascends easily along Clark Brook, crossing it on bridges twice, and then enters the Breadloaf Wilderness. After crossing a small brook the trail becomes steeper and rockier before reaching its junction with the Long Trail at 3.0 miles. Mt. Roosevelt is 0.4 miles north on the Long Trail, and Mt. Wilson is 0.8 miles south on the Long Trail. Take Route 100 into Granville. Make a sharp right onto Forest Road 55, and follow it for 1.9 miles. There is limited trailhead parking on both sides of the road. 47 miles from BHC.

Cooley Glen - Emily Proctor Trail
East Middlebury Vermont, Strenuous, 13 miles

Cooley Glen Trail: From the trailhead, the trail turns left and follows an extension of Forest Road 201. It crosses the New Haven River on a bridge, then stays on the north bank of the river and enters the Breadloaf Wilderness. The trail ascends the western flank of Mount Cleveland and meets the Long Trail just south of the Cooley Glen Shelter at 3.4 miles. Maximum elevation change is 1460 feet. Average hiking time is 2 ¼ to 3 ¾ hours. Emily Proctor Trail: From the trailhead the trail turns right and ascends an old woods road that enters the Breadloaf Wilderness. The trail leaves the old road, staying on the west side of the New Haven River, and crosses a small river before making a steep and rocky ascent to the clearing in front of the Emily Proctor Shelter at 3.7 miles. Located on Forest Road 201, which dead-ends at the trailhead parking at 0.4 miles. 22 miles from BHC

Mount Hunger Trail
Waterbury Vermont, Intermediate, 4.3 miles

Mount Hunger boasts the most picturesque summit in the range of mountains with the best location in the state. Part of the isolated Worcester chain that parallels stylish Stowe Valley and more famous peaks to the west, Mount Hunger's windswept crown unveils an intimate portrait of the Green Mountain's northern core. From Exit 10 on Interstate 89, turn north onto Vermont Highway 100, pass Ben & Jerry's, and turn right (east) onto Howard Avenue after 2.7 miles. As you drive through Waterbury Center, turn left at the second stop sign onto Maple Street. Once on Maple, go 0.2 miles then turn right onto Loomis Hill Rd. Go 3.5 miles on Loomis Hill Rd and the trailhead will be on your right. The trailhead sign is partially obscured by shrubs. 58 miles from BHC. Combine it with a trip to Ben & Jerry's and reward yourselves!

Mount Mansfield
Underhill Center Vermont, Difficult, 9.9 miles.

The trail starts off following a road which turns into a CCC road. You will pass the trailhead for the Sunset Ridge Trail on the way, eventually reaching the Maple Ridge Trail. This is a great trail with lots of challenges, steep rock faces and a crevas. There are many open views and lots of rocks to climb over. In the fall you can eat blueberries along the way. Once to the forehead on the southern end of Mt. Mansfield we will head north to the Chin. It is the highest elevation at 4383 ft. The hike across the peak is mostly above treeline. Along the way you will pass the Sunset Ridge Trail again. From the Chin backtrack back to the Sunset Ridge trail. From Underhill Center travel 1.0 mile north on Pleasant Valley Rd., then turn east and go 2.7 miles on the Mountain Rd. There is a small fee at the State Park. 70 miles from BHC.

Rattlesnake Cliffs, The Falls of Lana, and Silver Lake
Middlebury Vermont, Moderate to intermediate, 4.7 miles

A collection of trails to mountain views and waterfront camps for day hikers and backpackers alike. Special attractions: The Falls of Lana, clifftop views, and campsites on a mountain lake. Trail Head located at 772-1020 Indian Trail, Green Mountain National Forest, Salisbury, VT. 28 miles from BHC.

Snake Mountain

Vergennes Vermont, Intermediate, 3.6 miles

This hike winds through a forest with a mix of red oak, shagbark hickory, hop hornbeam, red and sugar maple, yellow birch, beech, white cedar, white pine and hemlock. It is relatively flat for the first 1/2 mile. The trail joins an old summit carriage road here. It is wide and easy to follow. From the junction of VT. 22A and VT. 17 at Addison four corners (0.0 mi.), follow VT. 17 east to a junction on the right with Mountain Rd. (0.8 mi). Follow this road south past the Whitford Road to a small parking lot on the right, about 500 yards north of the Willmarth Road (3.5 mi.) The trailhead is on the east side of the road junction. 15 miles from BHC.