

North Peak Trail to South Peak

Description This trail can be taken as an alternate route to or from South Peak or the Pogue. It is a narrower woods trail that is parallel with Mountain Road until it takes a sharp turn to the southeast and leads to North Peak. It connects to the Mount Tom carriage road and leads across a magnificent stone causeway to the Mount Tom summit. The grade is not steep, but the footing is difficult at times. Beautiful views into the old-growth hemlock-hardwood forest.

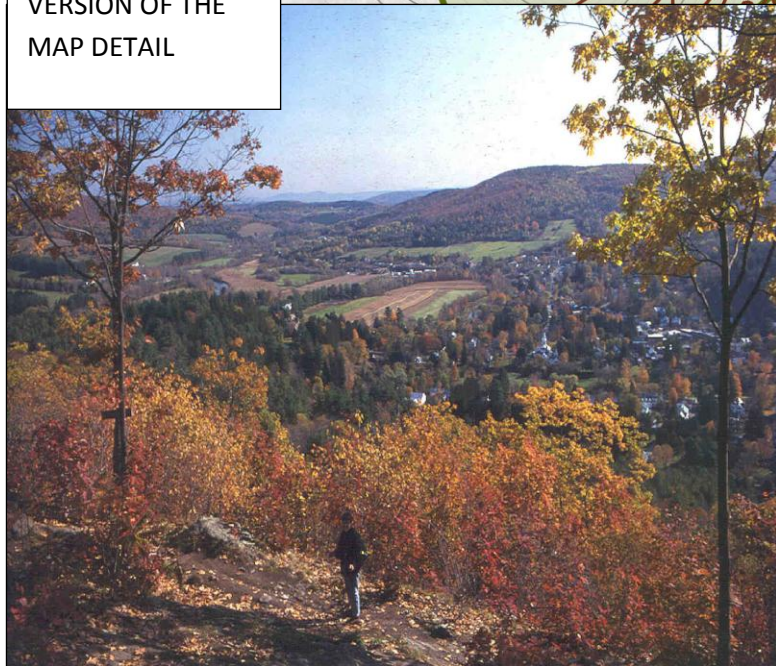
Distance 4.2 miles round trip

Trailhead Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park/ Billings Farm and Museum

Directions Billings Farm and Museum and the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park are off Vt. 12 in Woodstock. From West U.S. Route 4 in downtown Woodstock, bear right onto Vt. 12 North. Cross the iron bridge over the Ottauquechee River, bear right onto River Road, and take the first right into the parking area at the Billings Farm and Museum. To access the National Park trails cross Vt. 12 at the crosswalk. Use the map below to navigate to the start of North Peak Trail. Or (After crossing the crosswalk climb a slight hill to the visitor's center, walk past the mansion and follow the main carriage road going around a small field, then turning left, and very shortly turning left again. You will reach the intersection of North Peak Trail and Precipice Trail. Precipice trail is to the left North Peak Trail is to the right.) Follow the signs to stay on North Peak trail and after one mile it will intersect with Mount Tom Road at which point you will take a left. Mount Tom Road will shortly lead to the Mount Tom South Peak Summit. To take another route back use your Walk Woodstock map.

History North Peak trail was completed in 1957 and was one of the first trails in the Billings Park. The 155 acre Billings Park was gifted to the Town of Woodstock by Mary M. Billings French in 1953

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View from Mount Tom Summit: From west to east, in the foreground is the King Farm with Killington above it on the horizon. To the left is Route 4 and the high school as viewed up the Ottauquechee Valley. To the south, Mt. Ascutney is on the horizon. Below and still proceeding eastward, is the north end of Kendron Valley with the golf course, Vail Field and then the Woodstock Inn. To the left of the Inn is the Windsor County Court House and covered bridge, above which is visible the bald knob of Mt. Peg. Toward the east, the Congregational Church is in the foreground with Billings Farm situated north of the river and then the mountains of New Hampshire are on the horizon above it. The structure on the summit of Mount Tom displays a lighted star and cross with shines over Woodstock during the Christmas and Easter holidays respectively. (Woodstock Inn and Resort Hiking Map 1980)