

## The Prosper Trail to the Pogue and South Peak

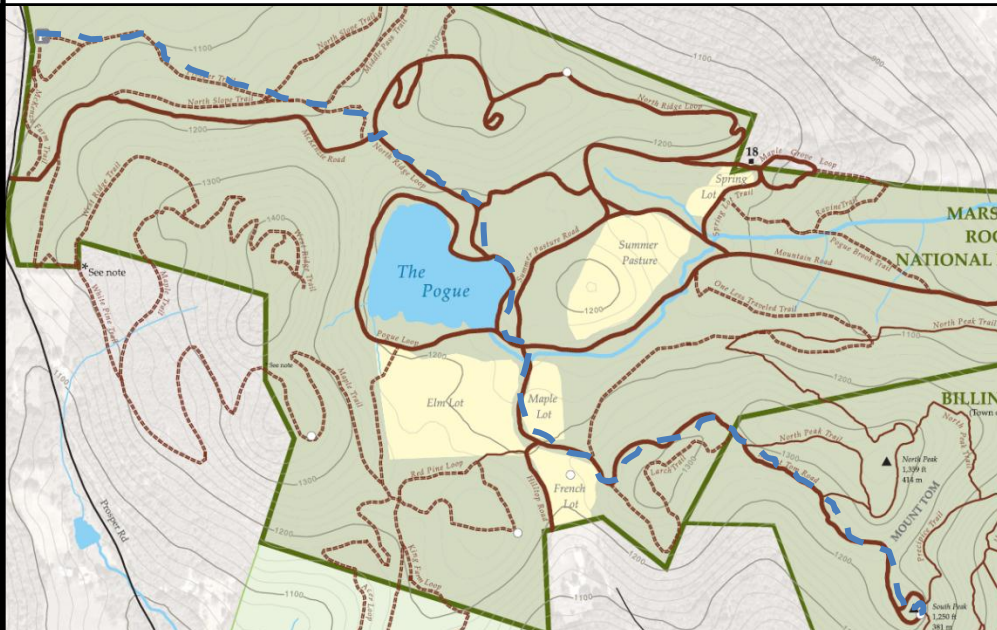
**Description** This route to the Pogue and South Peak offers a more gradual hike, and a chance to explore the west side of the National Park. From the parking area take Prosper Trail, at the beginning of which you will cross a long bridge. Stay on Prosper Trail until you reach McKenzie Road; turn right on North Ridge Loop, then right again at the bottom of the hill to the Pogue. Take a left and walk about a third of the way around the Pogue and picking up Mountain Road on the left; take that downhill to a right on Mount Tom Road, and follow that all the way to South Peak. Retrace your steps to return to the parking area, or alternatively take McKenzie Road instead of Prosper Trail.

**Distance** 2 miles round trip to the Pogue, 4.2 miles round trip to South Peak

**Trailhead** Prosper Trailhead Parking Lot

**Directions** From the Billings Farm and Museum, travel north on Vt. 12 for 2.7 miles. Take a left on Prosper Road. From the turn, the parking area is 0.7 miles.

**History** Prosper Trail runs parallel to McKenzie Road, which was the last road to be built on the property, in 1895. Prosper trail ascends eastward along the northern slope of the mountain starting at the site of the abandoned McKenzie Farm, then passing through red pine plantations planted by Frederick Billing's heirs in 1917.



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Photos: Left: The Pogue in the fall  
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Right: View from South Peak in the Winter  
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