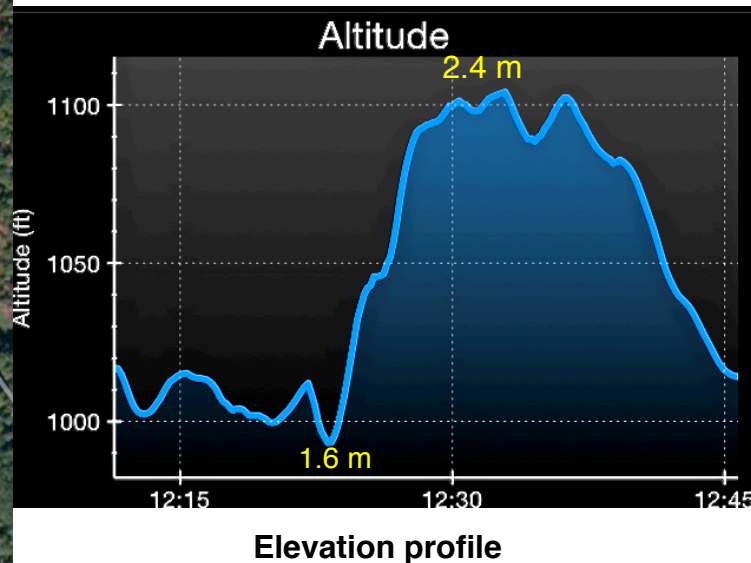
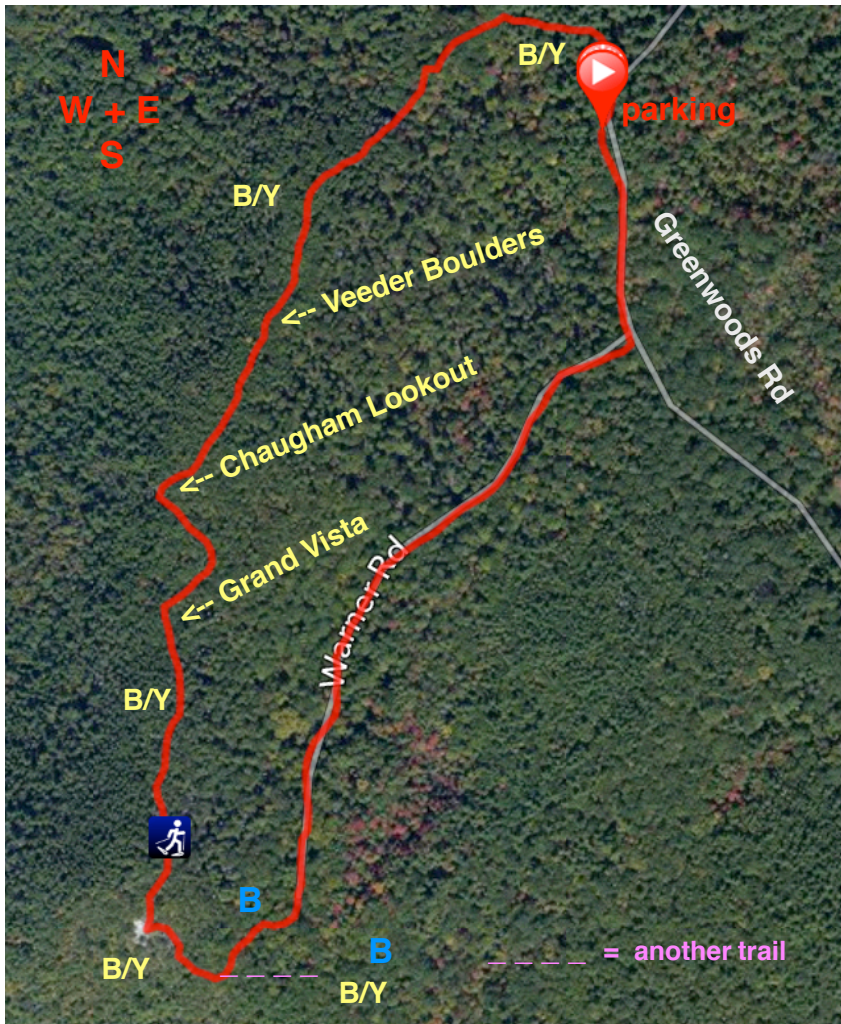


Big Springs Loop:

1.5 miles

360' vertical

1.2 hours



The Veeder Boulders

Mileage summary:

Hike south on Greenwood Rd. > Turn right at Warner Rd 0.1 > hike to the end of Warner Rd. > Turn right onto B trail at 0.6 > turn right onto B/Y, ascend steeply to Grand vista at 0.7 > stay on B/Y > Turn right onto Greenwood Rd & your car at 1.5

The Big Springs Loop is great introduction to loop hiking. The distance and vertical feet are modest. There are 3 great photo ops. The climb up to the Grand Vista will get your heart going, and there are no steep descents that might be unsettling. Park at Big Springs Recreation Area which is on either side of Greenwood Rd, 2.6 miles north of the Greenwood Gate (41° 55' 21.74" N 72° 59' 43.75" W). Start your hike going south on Greenwood Road & turning right onto Warner Road at 0.1. At the end of this road (0.6), turn right onto the Robert Ross Trail, marked with a blue blaze (B) which in a short distance connects with the Jessie Gerard Trail, marked by a blue blaze with a yellow dot (B/Y). Turn right onto the B/Y and start the steady 100 foot ascent to the Grand Vista (0.7), with views to the south of Meriden Mountain. Continue on the B/Y to reach Chaugham Lookout with views to the northwest at 1.0. The next photo op on the B/Y comes at the Veeder Boulders at 1.2. These 2 large glacial erratics were left here at the end of the last ice age, 15,000 years ago. At 1.4 the B/Y merges with a snowmobile trail & heads due east. At 1.5, turn right as you return to Greenwood Road & your car.