

# Suggested Day Hikes

## Mount Greylock State Reservation

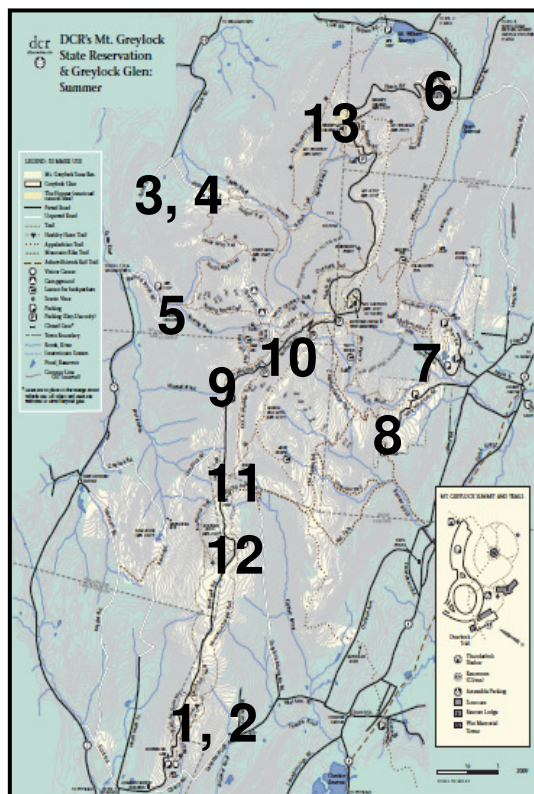
### Take a Hike!

This guide offers suggested day hike routes in two parts: **1) Year-round Hikes** and **2) Seasonal Hikes** (late-May to Nov.1). Use this guide with the *Mt. Greylock State Reservation & Greylock Glen Trail Map* available at the park and at this link:

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/mtGreylock/brochures.htm>.

### Things to remember:

- **Time, distance, difficulty:** average hiker pace estimate 1.5 miles per hour. All distances are round-trip. Plan conservatively, start early. Be aware of weather and sunset. Trail difficulty ratings based on distance and gradient: *easy, moderate, strenuous, aggressive*.
- **Wear weather appropriate clothing**, layer for temperature changes. Sturdy waterproof boots are recommended, trails can be wet.
- **Parking at trailheads:** Space may be limited. Be courteous to avoid blocking in others. Keep valuables out of sight.
- **Drinking water** available at Visitor Center (year-round) and behind Bascom Lodge on the summit (late-May–October 31). Trailside water sources should be treated.
- **Stay on designated trails:** Blue vertical, dollar bill-sized blazes on trees indicate designated trails. White blazes indicate Appalachian Trail (AT). Double blazes indicate intersection or direction change. Be aware that signage is posted at trail intersections.
- **Pace & group size:** keep your group together; hike only as fast as your group's slowest hiker. Limit group size to 12 people or less to lessen impacts.
- **Carry-in, carry-out all trash:** Leave No Trace outdoor ethics are strongly encouraged. For more information visit <http://www.lnt.org/programs/principles.php>
- **Pets are permitted** on 10-foot maximum leash, attended at all times, current proof of rabies vaccine. Please clean up after your pet and dispose of all waste outside of park.
- **Be aware of hunting seasons** and wear blaze orange when appropriate. For season info visit: [http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/regulations/abstracts/hunting\\_dates.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/regulations/abstracts/hunting_dates.pdf)



Locator map for hikes

## Part 1

# Year-round Hikes

## Suggested Day Hikes, Mount Greylock State Reservation

The following hikes are accessible in all seasons. Prior to travelling on trails in winter please refer to the suggested winter safety tips:

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/mtGreylock/downloads/winterSafetyTips.pdf>

### Visitor Center, Lanesborough

Trailhead at 30 Rockwell Road in Lanesborough (01237): 42°33'12.47"N, 73°12'42.55"W

## 1 Rounds Rock Trek

Distance: **6.9 miles (11 km)**, Time: **5-6 hours**,  
Elevation gain: **920 ft. (280 meters)**, Ability: **moderate**

*Hike through former 1800s farmland, now a northern hardwood forest, to the knob of Rounds Rock. Find heath-like openings and impressive scenic views south and west across the Berkshires and the Catskill Mountains.*

From Visitors Center parking take Bradley Farm Trail to Northrup Trail (0.8 mi.). Continue on Northrup Trail (2.4 mi.) to Rounds Rock Trail connector on upslope. Bear right onto Rounds Rock Trail and follow to vistas and Rockwell Road (0.5 mi.). Cross road and return via Woodason Spring and Bradley Farm Trails to Visitors Center (3 mi.).

## 2 Bradley Farm Trail

Distance: **1.8 miles (2.9 km)**, Time: **90 minutes**,  
Elevation gain: **424 ft. (129 meters)**, Ability: **easy**

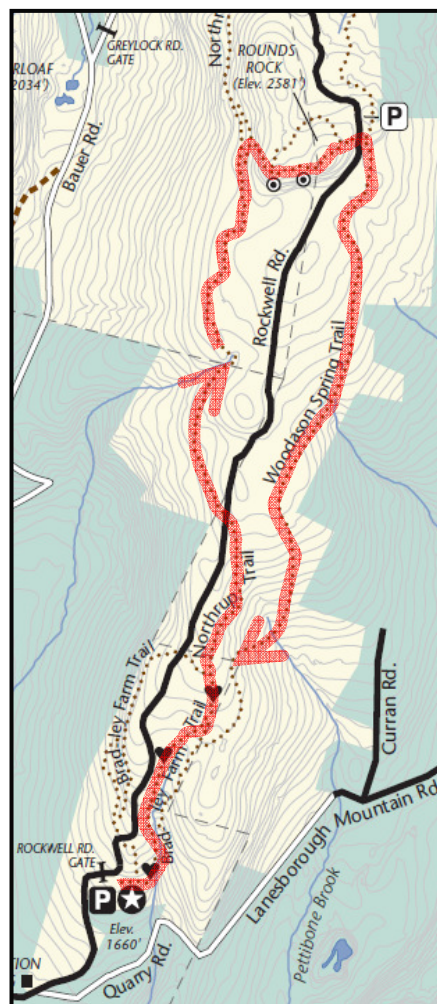


*This easy loop features a look at the former agricultural use of the land and subsequent forest succession. This is a featured Healthy Heart Trails hike to promote better health. For more information visit:*

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/recreate/hht/index.htm>

Use this link to access a self-guided brochure to the Bradley Farm Interpretive Trail:

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/mtGreylock/downloads/bradleyFarmSelfGuidedTrail.pdf>



## Haley Farm, Williamstown

Trailhead at 1136 Hopper Road, Williamstown (01267): 42°39'19.56"N, 73°12'18.63"W

### 3 Views and Falls

Distance: **5.5 miles (8.8 km) plus options**,  
Time: **4-5 hours**, Elevation gain: **1,460 ft. (445 meters)**, Ability: **strenuous**

*Ascend via former 1830s carriage road. Discover old-growth trees and cascade waterfalls. Return by dramatic Stony Ledge vista.*

Follow Money Brook Trail to Hopper Trail to Sperry Road and campground (2.5 mi.). **Options:** include **1)** March Cataract Trail to falls (1.6 mi., round-trip), and/or **2)** take Sperry Road to Campground Trail to Deer Hill Trail and steep descent into the “Heart of Greylock” and Deer Hill falls (2.2 mi. loop). Both options return via Sperry Road to Stony Ledge (1 mi.), Stony Ledge Trail and Haley Farm Trail (2 mi.) back to trailhead parking.

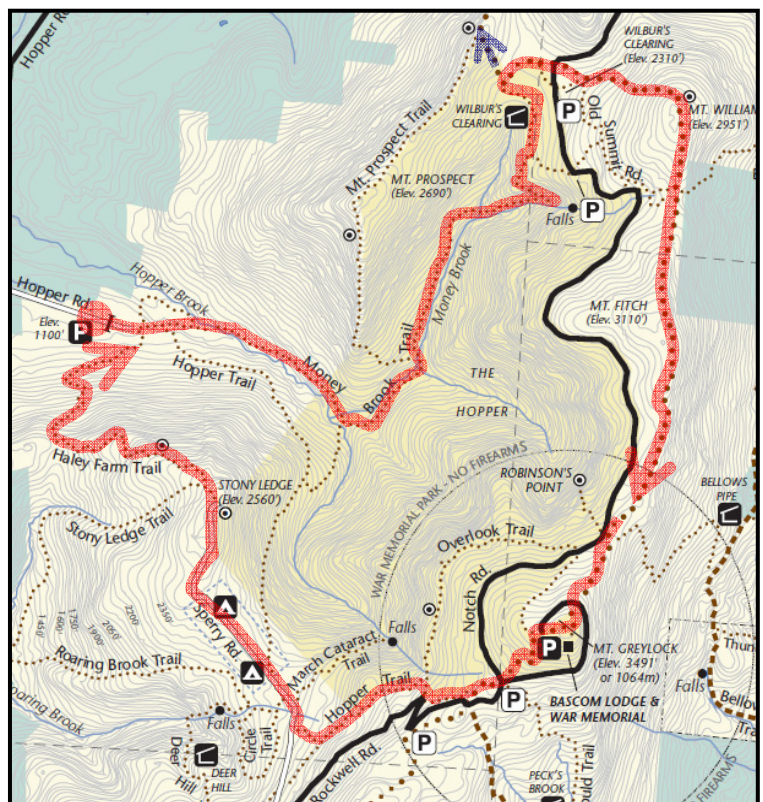


### 4 Greylock in the Round

Distance: **13 miles (20.9 km) plus option**,  
Time: **9 hours**, Elevation gain: **2,390 ft. (728 meters)**, Ability: **aggressive**

*Experience the breadth of Greylock range. Climb the Hopper valley past Money Brook Falls and across the ridge to the Mt. Greylock summit and on to Stony Ledge. Worth the effort, but be prepared for a long day.*

Follow Money Brook Trail (3.75mi.) to junction with Appalachian Trail (AT). **Option:** Take AT north to Mt. Prospect vista of Williamstown and return to route via AT south (add 0.6 mi. round-trip). Continue on route by taking AT south (3.75 mi.) to Mt. Greylock summit. Resume hike on AT south (0.6 mi.), take Hopper Trail to campground and Sperry Road (1.2 mi.). Follow Sperry Road to Stony Ledge vista (1.4 mi.). Take Stony Ledge Trail (0.1 mi.) to Haley Farm Trail back to trailhead parking (2.2 mi.).



## Roaring Brook Road, Williamstown

Trailhead at 160 Roaring Brook Rd., Williamstown (01267): 42°38'18.44"N, 73°13'14.16"W

### 5 Roaring Brook & Stony Ledge

Distance: **5.6 miles (9 km)**, Time: **4-5 hours**, Elevation gain: **1,460 ft. (445 meters)**, Ability: **strenuous**

*Follow Roaring Brook through shady hemlock woods and up to the dramatic Stony Ledge vista. Parking is limited at this location.*

From parking take Roaring Brook Trail (0.5 mi.) to junction with Stony Ledge Trail. Take Stony Ledge Trail up to vista (1.8 mi.). Follow Sperry Road (1.2 mi.) to campground and take Roaring Brook Trail and return to trailhead parking (2.1 mi.).

**Option:** If you prefer a gradual ascent, hike up Roaring Brook Trail then Stony Ledge down.



## Notch Road, North Adams

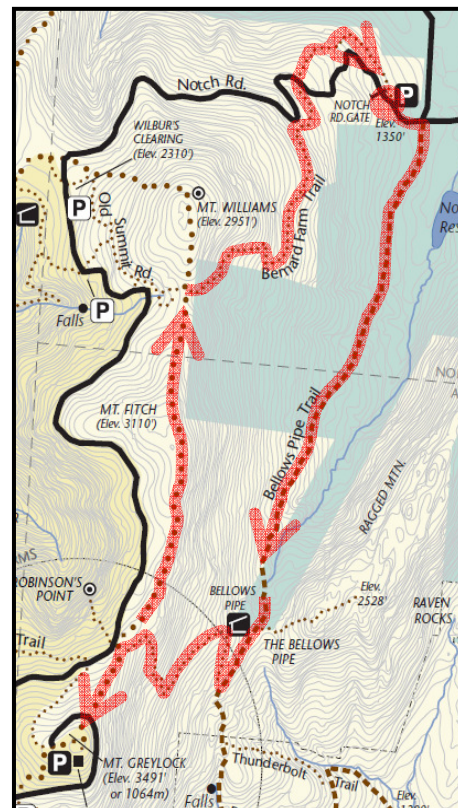
Trailhead on Notch Road near intersection with Reservoir Road, North Adams (01247): 42°40'28.23"N, 73° 8'29.43"W

### 6 Thoreau's Footsteps

Distance: **9.6 miles (15.5 km)**, Time: **6 hours**, Elevation gain: **2,191 ft. (668 meters)**, Ability: **aggressive**

*Follow a portion of naturalist Henry David Thoreau's 1844 hike up Mount Greylock, as chronicled in the book "A Year on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers" in the chapter Tuesday.*

From parking follow Notch Road downhill (0.15 mi.) to intersection with Reservoir Road and Bellows Pipe Trail. Take Bellows Pipe Trail (3.0 mi.) and right at junction, past shelter. Continue on Bellows Pipe Trail steep uphill (1.2 mi.) to Appalachian Trail (AT). Follow AT south (0.5 mi.) to summit. Return via AT north (2.4 mi.) to Bernard Farm Trail. Take Bernard Farm Trail (2.4 mi.) downhill and return to Notch Road parking.



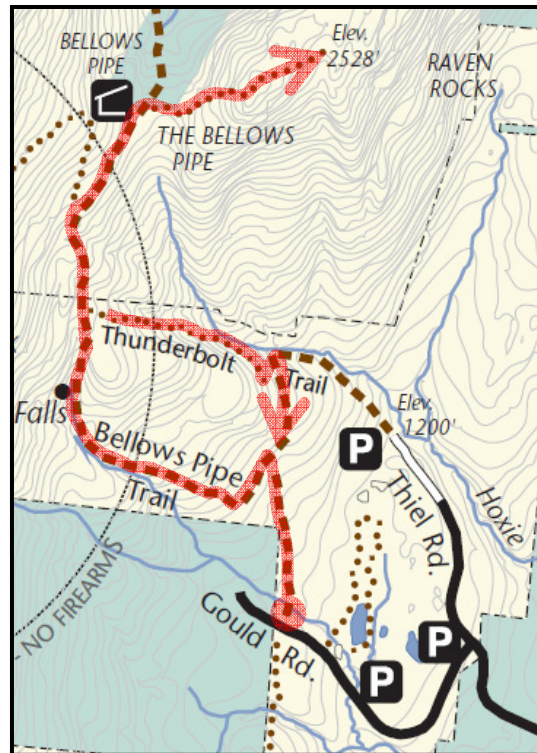
## 7 Bellows Pipe & Ragged Mt.

Trailhead at 175 Gould Rd., Adams (01220):  
42°37'37.84"N, 73° 8'42.55"W

Distance: **5 miles (8 km)**, Time: **4 hours**,  
Elevation gain: **1,288 ft. (393 meters)**,  
Ability: **moderate to strenuous**

*Follow old ski trails, including a portion of the famed Thunderbolt Ski Trail, to a scenic view on craggy Ragged Mountain.*

At trailhead parking take the Bellows Pipe Trail, keep alert for switchback, and continue (2 mi.) past Thunderbolt and Bellows Pipe (to summit) Trails to Ragged Mt. Trail. Follow Ragged Mt. Trail (0.5 mi.) to prominence and view. Return by retracing Ragged Mt. and Bellows Pipe Trails to Thunderbolt Trail (1.2 mi.). Follow Thunderbolt Trail down (0.5 mi.) to next intersection, bear right and follow Bellows Pipe Trail (0.7 mi.) back to trailhead parking.



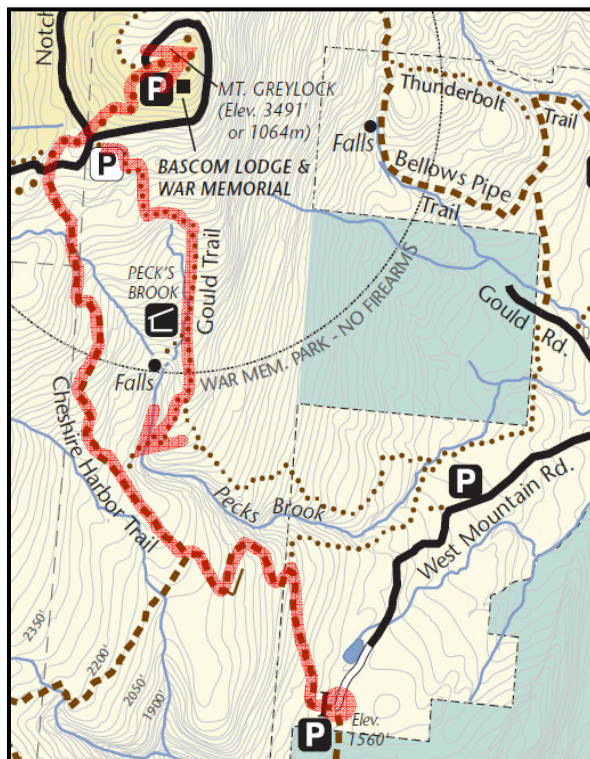
## 8 Cheshire Harbor Trail

Trailhead at end of West Mountain Road, past Greylock Greenhouses, in Adams (01220):  
42°36'38.00"N, 73° 9'23.43"W

Distance: **6.6 miles (10.6 km)**, Time: **4-5 hours**, Elevation gain: **2,100 ft. (640 meters)**,  
Ability: **moderate to strenuous**

*The easiest and shortest ascent route from base to summit. Spectacular views at summit.*

At trailhead head upslope to Cheshire Harbor Trail (2.6 mi.) to Rockwell Road and Appalachian Trail (AT). Then follow AT-north (0.7 mi.) to summit. Return by AT-south (0.7 mi.) to road intersection and take Gould Trail for (0.75 mi.) then Peck's Brook Loop cut-off trail (0.25 mi) across ravine to Cheshire Harbor Trail and back to parking.



## Part 2

# Seasonal Hikes

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The following hikes are accessible from **late-May through November 1**, when the parkway to the summit is open during the “summer” recreation season.

### Rockwell Road

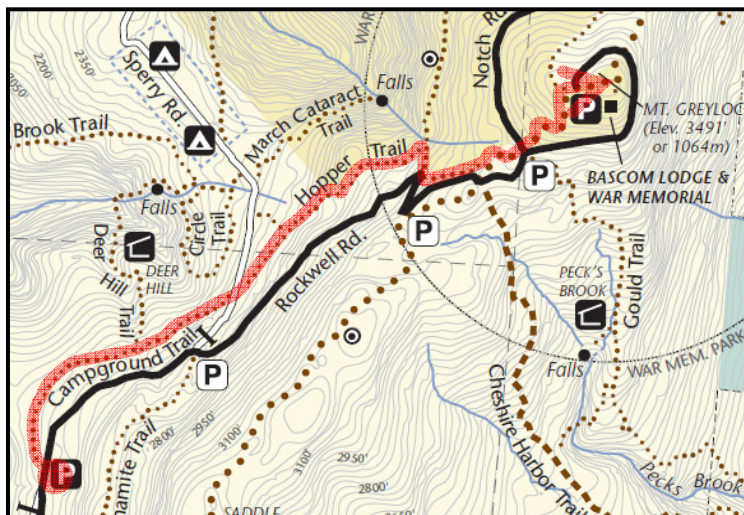
## 9 Summit Hike

Trailhead at Campground Parking Lot on Rockwell Road in New Ashford (01237): 42°37'12.08"N, 73°11'57.78"W

Distance: **6.2 miles (10 km)**, Time: **4.5-5 hours**, Elevation gain: **1,070 ft. (326 meters)**, Ability: **moderate to strenuous**

*A half-day hike to the summit.*

At Campground Parking Lot trailhead take Campground Trail (1.1 mi.) to Sperry Road. Cross to Hopper Trail and continue (1.4 mi.) to Appalachian Trail (AT) north. Follow AT north (1.1 mi.), crossing Notch-Rockwell Road intersection, and up to summit. Return by same route.



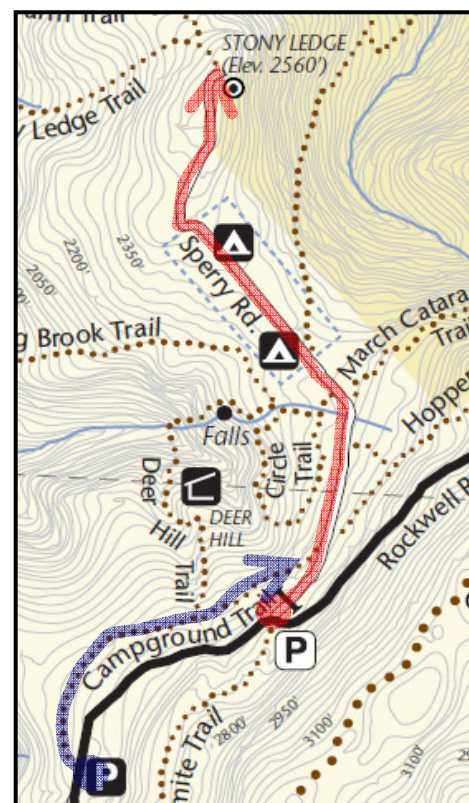
## 10 Stony Ledge

Trailhead at CCC Dynamite Trail on Rockwell Road in New Ashford (01237): 42°37'27.90"N, 73°11'26.13"W

Distance: **3.8 miles (6.1 km)**, Time: **2.5-3 hours**, Elevation gain: **494 ft. (151 meters)**, Ability: **easy**

*An easy hike along a dirt road to one of the most scenic and dramatic views in the park.*

At CCC Dynamite Trailhead parking be aware of oncoming traffic, cross over to Sperry Road and follow (1.9 mi.) to Stony Ledge. Return via Sperry Road (1.9 mi.) to parking. **Option:** If CCC Dynamite Trailhead parking is full drive downhill/south on Rockwell Road (1.3 mi.) to Campground Parking Lot. Take Campground Trail to Sperry Road (**easy, 5.8 mi. round-trip, 4 hrs., 294 ft. elev. gain**).



## Rockwell Road, continued

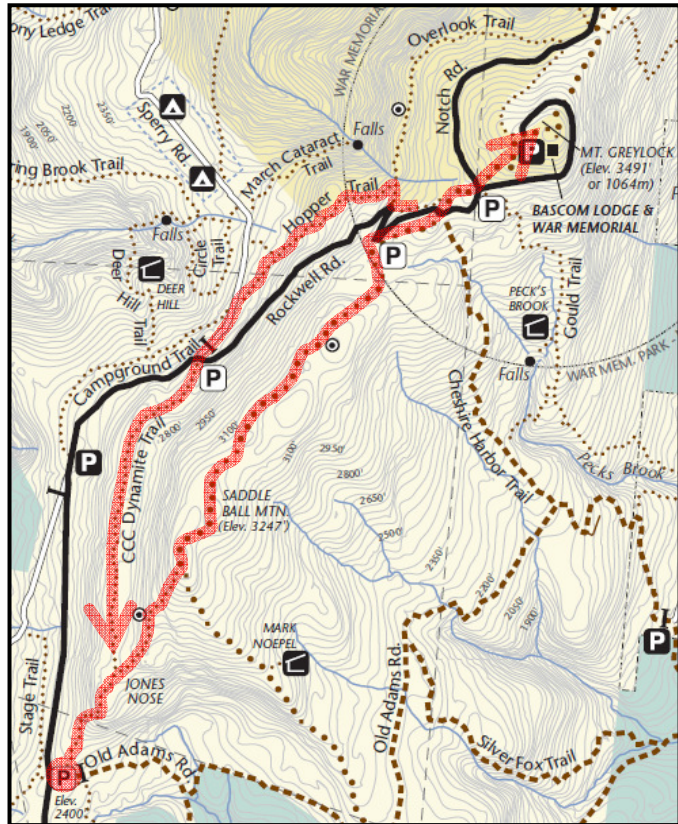
# 11 Jones Nose to Summit

Trailhead at Jones Nose on Rockwell Road in Cheshire (01225):  
42°36'5.96"N, 73°12'1.34"W

Distance: **8.5 miles (13.5 km)**, Time: **5.5-6 hours**, Elevation gain: **1,303 ft. (397 meters)**, Ability: **strenuous to aggressive**

*Hike the ridge through the boreal forest to the summit.*

From parking area take Jones Nose Trail uphill (1.2 mi.) to Appalachian Trail (AT). Follow AT north (2.9 mi.) to Mt. Greylock summit. Return via AT south to Hopper Trail (0.7 mi.). Follow Hopper Trail (1.2 mi.) to Sperry Road. Left or uphill on Sperry Road (0.3 mi.) to Rockwell Road. Cross Rockwell Road to CCC Dynamite Trail and follow (1.6 mi.) to Jones Nose Trail. Right on Jones Nose Trail downhill (0.6 mi.) to trailhead parking.



# 12 Rounds Rock & Jones Nose Loop

Trailhead at Rounds Rock on Rockwell Road in Cheshire (01225): 42°35'34.52"N, 73°11'49.04"W

Distance: **2.8 miles (km)**, Time: **2-2.5 hours**, Elevation gain: **217 ft. (66 meters)**, Ability: **easy to moderate**

*A mix of open and wooded trail with vistas from Rounds Rock and Jones Nose.*

From parking area on Rockwell Road cross over road, be aware of oncoming traffic, and take Rounds Rock Trail to connector trail, left or west, and down slope to Northrup Trail (0.7 mi.). Right or north on Northrup Trail (1.1 mi.) and cross Rockwell Road to Jones Nose parking lot. **Option:** get some elevation on the Jones Nose Trail for scenic views south. Return via Woodason Spring Trail south (1 mi.) to Rounds Rock trailhead parking.



## Notch Road

# 13 Wilbur's Clearing to Summit

Trailhead on Notch Road in North Adams (01247):  
42°40'9.71"N, 73°10'3.72"W

Distance: **6.9 miles (11.1 km)**, Time: **4.5-5 hours**,  
Elevation gain: **1,172 ft. (357 meters)**, Ability:  
**moderate to strenuous**

*Follow the Appalachian Trail south along the ridge to the summit of Greylock. Return via a portion of the former 1860 carriage route to the summit.*

At trailhead parking take connector trail east (0.2 mi.) to Appalachian Trail (AT) south and continue on AT south (3.3 mi.) to Mt. Greylock summit. Return via AT north (2.4 mi.) to Old Summit Road trail. Take Old Summit Road trail to AT connector trail and trailhead parking (1.0 mi.).



## More Hikes?

For additional seasonal day hikes visit the Mount Greylock Scenic Byway webpage. These hikes correspond with an auto tour through the park:

<http://www.byways.org/explore/byways/2569/>

To customize your own hike visit Mount Greylock Hiking Trail Mileages:

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/parks/mtGreylock/downloads/greyTrailmiles.pdf>

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