

# BASE CAMPus Directions & Routes

## **Linear Park to Spruces**

Total Mileage: 1.5-4 miles. From the Field House, walk past Facilities and cross Water Street, entering Lower Linear Park (has a children's play area). Keep walking through the cemetery until you are on Rt. 2 across from ACE Hardware. Cross the street and turn right. Turn left on the first dirt road (tennis courts ahead of you). The trailhead is on your right. Go north-west and keep walking until you reach the Confluence (where the Green and Hoosic Rivers meet) and feel free to explore the area! From here, take the dirt road at the Confluence EAST (upstream on the Hoosic River) towards the Spruces (the lion statues). At the Spruces, backtrack on the trails back to Williamstown.

## **Stone Hill Trails**

Total Mileage: 2-5 miles. The trails can either be reached by passing the Clark and walking straight up the hill (eg. where the cows are). Walk past the fire pit, the entrance to the trail system is in the top left corner of the upper treeline. Explore! *Plan your route beforehand and decide which trails to take.*

## **Hoosic River Walk**

Total Mileage: 1 mile. Walk behind Mission to Cole Field. On the left (past the driving range), there is a tree line that parallels the Hoosic River. Once you reach the trees, scout a bit until you find an entrance and then follow the trails as far as you are interested. You won't ever get too far from campus, and there are lots of benches and beaches to hang out on.

## **Hopkins Forest: 4 mile loop**

Total Mileage: 4.2 miles. Leave Greylock Quad and follow Rt. 7 until you reach Buckley Street. Turn left on Buckley St. and keep walking for ~1 mile. Turn right on NW Hill Rd (gravel) at the intersection of Buckley and NW Hill, and then make a quick left once you see the sign for Hopkins Forest. Follow the Hopkins Forest trails (the main trails are in the form of a Figure 8, with the bottom circle representing the 4 mile loop). Either walk up the trail straight ahead of the gravel drive behind the red shed to start your journey (steeper) or turn right and walk past the WOC Cabin on your left. Once you reach a four trail intersection (where the lower loop meets the upper loop), turn around and go back down the trail that goes in the same direction you came from that is not the trail you arrived by (i.e. make a loop). For example, you can think of the intersection as the center of the letter "X". Therefore, if you enter the loop from the leftmost trail (bottom left line of the X), exit the intersection via the adjacent, bottom right trail. The intersection is a great place for forest bathing (quiet time for reflection)!



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## **Hopkins Forest: Lower and Upper Loops**

Total Mileage: 7 miles. Leave Greylock Quad and follow Rt. 7 until you reach Buckley Street. Turn left on Buckley St. and keep walking for ~1 mile. Turn right on NW Hill Rd (gravel) at the intersection of Buckley and NW Hill, and then make a quick left once you see the sign for Hopkins Forest. Follow the Hopkins Forest trails (the main trails are in the form of a Figure 8, with the bottom circle representing the 4 mile loop). Either walk up the trail straight ahead of the gravel drive behind the red shed to start your journey (steeper) or turn right and walk past the WOC Cabin on your left. Once you reach a four trail intersection (where the lower loop meets the upper loop), take either of the opposite two trails. Follow the trail until you return to the four trail intersection, then return to the road via one of the opposite two trails.

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## **Money Brook Falls**

### **Van Directions**

- From Field House, take Route 43 South to Hopper Road. Turn LEFT on to Hopper Road (left turn comes as road curves sharply to right).
- Follow signs to Mt. Greylock trails (bear LEFT onto fork where road turns from pavement to dirt).
- Park at the parking area where the farm and trailhead are.

NOTE: You will begin at the Haley Farm Trailhead (if you put Money Brook Trailhead into Google Maps it will take you to the wrong spot)

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### **Route**

Total Mileage: 4.8 miles. Follow the **Money Brook Trail** EAST for 1 mile, bearing LEFT (north) at the Stony Ledge Trail and Hopper Trail forks. Bear LEFT (north) staying on the Money Brook Trail at the intersection of the Money Brook Trail and the Hopper Interconnect. Follow the brook upstream (north) on the Money Brook Trail until you reach the **waterfall**. Stop here for snacks. Retrace path back to the trailhead once done.

## **Pine Cobble via Pine Cobble Trail**

Total Mileage (walking): 6.2 miles

## Directions to Trailhead

Mileage to Trailhead: 1.6 miles. From Mission, walk EAST on Lynde Lane, taking a LEFT on Southworth Street and a right on Church Street walking about 0.8 miles. Bear LEFT on Cole Avenue and cross North Hoosac Rd/Mass Ave at the intersection. Walk EAST (right) on North Hoosac Rd 25 yards until you reach a turn on the LEFT for **Coles Grove Rd**. Turn onto that and follow that road until you reach the intersection with **Pine Cobble Rd**. Take a RIGHT (east) onto Pine Cobble Road and walk down it 250 yards to the Pine Cobble Trailhead.

## Route

Total Mileage: 3 miles. Walk up the **Pine Cobble Trail** for 1.5 miles, staying RIGHT at the intersection with the Class of '98 Trail, until you reach a turn off on the RIGHT for **Pine Cobble Summit**. Go up that and enjoy the views! Retrace your steps back.



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## Pine Cobble up Chestnut Trail down Pine Cobble Trail

Total Mileage (walking): 7.2 miles

## Directions to Trailhead

Mileage to Trailhead: 1.6 miles. From Mission, walk EAST on Lynde Lane, taking a LEFT on Southworth Street and a right on Church Street walking about 0.8 miles. Bear LEFT on Cole Avenue and cross North Hoosac Rd/Mass Ave at the intersection. Walk LEFT (west) on North Hoosac Rd 200 yards until you reach a RIGHT turn for **Chestnut St**. Walk up Chestnut St. for 0.25mi until you reach the **Chestnut Trailhead** on your RIGHT.

## Route

Total Mileage: 4 miles. Walk up the **Chestnut Trail** for 0.7 miles to the intersection with the **Class of '98 Trail**. Hang LEFT at Class of '98 Trail and continue up it for 1 mile until you reach the **Appalachian Trail**. Go RIGHT (south) on the Appalachian Trail for 0.25 miles until you intersect with the **Pine Cobble Trail**. Go RIGHT at the intersection to the Pine Cobble Trail for 0.5 miles until you reach a turn off on the LEFT for **Pine Cobble Summit**, making sure to stay RIGHT at the intersection with the AT/Long Trail Shortcut. Go up the Pine Cobble Summit and enjoy the views! Retrace steps back to the Pine Cobble Trail and take a LEFT (south) on the Pine Cobble Trail for 1.5 miles until you reach the road. From there, hang a RIGHT on **Pine Cobble Rd** and walk to the first intersection (250 yards) with **Coles Grove Rd**. Take a LEFT on that until you reach North Hoosac Rd. From there, you can take a RIGHT and walk to the intersection with Cole Ave. Finding your way back to Williams from there is easy enough.

## Pine Cobble up Pine Cobble Trail down Chestnut Trail

Total Mileage (walking): 7.2 miles

### **Directions to Trailhead**

Mileage to Trailhead: 1.6 miles. From Mission, walk EAST on Lynde Lane, taking a LEFT on Southworth Street and a right on Church Street walking about 0.8 miles. Bear LEFT on Cole Avenue and cross North Hoosac Rd/Mass Ave at the intersection. Walk EAST (right) on North Hoosac Rd 25 yards until you reach a turn on the LEFT for **Coles Grove Rd**. Turn onto that and follow that road until you reach the intersection with **Pine Cobble Rd**. Take a RIGHT (east) onto Pine Cobble Road and walk down it 250 yards to the Pine Cobble Trailhead.

### **Route**

Total Mileage: 3 miles. Walk up the **Pine Cobble Trail** for 1.5 miles, staying RIGHT at the intersection with the Class of '98 Trail, until you reach a turn off on the RIGHT for **Pine Cobble Summit**. Go up that and enjoy the views! From there, go back to the Pine Cobble Trail and hand a RIGHT (north) on it for 0.5 miles until you reach the intersection with the **Appalachian Trail** (NOTE: this is not the AT shortcut intersection that is 0.25 miles down the trail). Hang LEFT (north) on the AT for 0.25 miles until you reach the **Class of '98 Trail** on your LEFT (south-west). Turn onto that and head down it for 1 mile until you intersect with the **Chestnut Trail**. Hang RIGHT (WSW) on the Chestnut Trail for 0.7 miles until you reach **Chestnut St**. Take a LEFT on Chestnut St and walk down the hill to North Hoosac Rd. Bear LEFT on North Hoosac Rd for 200 yards until you reach Cole Ave. Finding your way back to Williams from there is easy enough.

### **Bee Hill (RRR Brooks Trail)**

Total Mileage (walking): 4-5 miles

### **Directions to Trailhead**

Leave campus and walk past the Old Williams Inn (on the Roundabout). Turn right onto Main Street, and continue until you see Thornliebank Rd on your left. At the intersection of Thornliebank and Rt. 2, turn right and walk along Rt. 2 for ~100 feet until you reach Bee Hill Rd. on your right. There is a blind spot directly across from Bee Hill Rd, so please walk on the grass on the right side of the street on your way, even though that isn't the societal norm. Look both ways. Walk up Bee Hill Rd. Once you pass over the bridge, the trail head for RRR Brooks is on your left.

### **Route**

Follow the trail, cross the stream, and then turn left to follow the RRR Brooks trail along the stream, or right to follow the Sarah Tenney trail to Rt. 2. If you continue on the RRR trail, turn left at the Fitch Trail to return to Bee Hill Road, then turn left and walk down Bee Hill Road toward where you started. If you follow the RRR trail along the stream, choose a spot to turn around and return along the same path.

### **March Cataract Falls to Stony Ledge**

### **Van Directions**

- From Field House, take Route 43 South to Hopper Road. Turn LEFT on to Hopper Road (left turn comes as road curves sharply to right).
- Follow signs to Mt. Greylock trails (bear LEFT onto fork where road turns from pavement to dirt).
- Park at the parking area where the farm and trailhead are.

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### Route

Total Mileage: 6.5 miles. Follow the **Hopper Trail** south-east for 2.4 miles until you reach **Sperry Rd.** As you travel along the flat section of the Hopper Trail in the beginning, note the Haley Farm Trail that diverges right and the Money Brook Trail that splits left. Make sure to stay on the Hopper Trail! Take a LEFT on Sperry Road and look for the **Chimney Lean-to** 200 yards down the road. From there, take the **March Cataract Falls Trail** to the falls 0.5mi. Snack here. Retrace steps back to **Sperry Rd.** Bear RIGHT (north-west) on Sperry Rd. and continue on it for 1 mile until you reach **Stony Ledge**. Stop here and enjoy the view. From there, go west-north-west on the down the **Haley Farm Trail**. Be sure to take a RIGHT at the intersection of the Stony Ledge Trail to keep on the Haley Farm Trail. At the end of the trail, take a LEFT (west) to reach the farm and van.

### Berlin Mountain Loop

#### Van Directions

- Take Routes 7 and 2 southwest to where they split (2.3 mi.).
- Turn right (west) on Route 2 and then left on Torrey Woods Road (2.6 mi.).
- At the first intersection, continue straight (3.0 mi.).
- At a fork (3.8 mi.) follow the left road (Berlin Mountain Road) uphill and past a number of houses to the trailhead, clearly signed on the left.
- There is room to park 2-3 cars about 400 feet beyond on the left (4.7 mi.).

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### Route

Total Mileage: 4.5 miles. From the parking area is a cut-off for the **Williamstown Rural Lands Foundation (WRLF) Loop Trail**. To access the **Class of '33 trail**, walk 400 feet back the way you drove in. On the south side is a signed trailhead and a trail blazed with blue paint swatches (WOC) as well as blue diamond markers (WRLF). Follow blazes through left and right turns to Haley Brook and the first

interpretive sign of the WRLF Loop Trail (0.2 mi.). Cross the brook and climb the far bank to a well-signed junction. Bear left (east) to stay on the Class of '33 Trail, where the Loop Trail continues to the right. Follow blazes uphill and right (south) through hemlocks and up a deeply gullied logging grade (0.4 mi.) to a level area and hemlock grove. Stay on the Class of '33 Trail until you reach the top of the **Old Williams College Ski Area**. From there, take one last turn LEFT to bring you to the summit of Berlin Mountain. From the summit, follow the **Taconic Crest Trail** (white and blue diamond markers) NORTH for 1 mile until you intersect the **Berlin Pass Trail**. Bear RIGHT (east) on the Berlin Pass Trail and hike down it for a mile until you reach **Berlin Rd.** From there, walk 0.5 miles EAST on the road until you reach the van.

## **Berlin Mountain to Mt. Raimer**

### **Van Directions**

- Take Routes 7 and 2 southwest to where they split (2.3 mi.).
- Turn right (west) on Route 2 and then left on Torrey Woods Road (2.6 mi.).
- At the first intersection, continue straight (3.0 mi.).
- At a fork (3.8 mi.) follow the left road (Berlin Mountain Road) uphill and past a number of houses to the trailhead, clearly signed on the left.
- There is room to park 2-3 cars about 400 feet beyond on the left (4.7 mi.).

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### **Route**

Total Mileage: 7.5 miles. From the parking area is a cut-off for the **Williamstown Rural Lands Foundation (WRLF) Loop Trail**. To access the **Class of '33 trail**, walk 400 feet back the way you drove in. On the south side is a signed trailhead and a trail blazed with blue paint swatches (WOC) as well as blue diamond markers (WRLF). Follow blazes through left and right turns to Haley Brook and the first interpretive sign of the WRLF Loop Trail (0.2 mi.). Cross the brook and climb the far bank to a well-signed junction. Bear left (east) to stay on the Class of '33 Trail, where the Loop Trail continues to the right. Follow blazes uphill and right (south) through hemlocks and up a deeply gullied logging grade (0.4 mi.) to a level area and hemlock grove. Stay on the Class of '33 Trail until you reach the top of the **Old Williams College Ski Area**. From there, take one last turn LEFT to bring you to the summit of Berlin Mountain. From the summit, follow the **Taconic Crest Trail** (white and blue diamond markers) NORTH for 2 miles, continuing straight (north) when you intersect the Berlin Pass Trail. At this point, you will see a turnoff on the RIGHT (east) to reach the Mt. Raimer summit. Enjoy the views and backtrack to the Taconic Crest Trail heading NORTH (right) for 0.75 miles until you reach a **parking area** and Rt. 2. Find the trailhead for the **Sara Tenney Trail** at the southeast corner of the Petersburg Pass Scenic Area. Continue down the Sara Tenney Trail for 1.4 miles, hanging RIGHT (south-east) when you reach the Old Dirt Road to keep on the trail. You will reach an intersection with the **Turnpike Trail**, which you will turn RIGHT on to. Continue down the Turnpike Trail for 0.8 miles until you reach **Berlin Rd.** From there, walk WEST (RIGHT) up to where you parked the van.

## **Bob's Ski Trail to Bee Hill (RRR Brooks Trail)**

Total Mileage (walking): 7ish miles

### **Directions to Trailhead**

Leave campus and walk past the Old Williams Inn. Turn right onto Main Street, continue to Petersburg Rd (a long, long walk. Keep going, you're not there yet). At some point when the road becomes parallel to the stream, start looking carefully until you see a trailhead. Cross the stream, and be on your way. There should be a house on your right.

### **Route**

Follow the blazes up the hill and take a left turn\*\*\*\*\* when the blazes/markers diverge. Continue to follow the Blazes. Eventually you will reach a sign for Bob's Ski Trail, follow this trail to the summit near the entrance to the Sara Tenney trail. Find a way down the hill, and the RRR Brooks trail is on your left in the middle of the grasses... it's a bit of a maze. If you end up on the section of RRR next to Rt. 2, turn around. Follow RRR back to Bee Hill Road (or change to the Fitch trail halfway if you want some elevation gain) and then turn left on Bee Hill Road and follow it back to Rt. 2. There is a blindspot right across from the Bee Hill Rd. entrance, so please be careful. Turn left onto Thornliebank Rd. and then right onto Main St. before returning to campus. Please do not walk along Rt. 2.

## **Cascade Falls**

### **Van Directions**

- From Williams, follow Route 2 east to North Adams.
- After the second Hoosic River crossing, turn right at Brayton Hill Terrace and bear left up the hill to Brayton Elementary School and YMCA (4.0 mi).
- Behind the school, park at the trailhead kiosk and follow the trail across the bridge and into the Marion Avenue neighborhood. Parking is not permitted on Marion Ave.

Google maps [link](#):



### **Route**

Total Mileage: 2 miles. The Cascades Trail is an extension of Marion Avenue. You follow Notch Brook and cross it a couple of times. The Cascades (0.5 mi.) plunge about fifty feet where harder rock has eroded

more slowly than the marble downstream. Notch brook originates in the Bellows Pipe between Ragged Mountain and Mt. Williams. Return the way you came (1.0 mi.).

## **Hopkins Forest to Taconic Crest Trail, back via Bob's Ski Trail**

Total Mileage (walking): 12-13ish miles

### **Directions to Trailhead**

Leave Greylock Quad and follow Rt. 7 until you reach Buckley Street. Turn left on Buckley St. and keep walking for ~1 mile. Turn right on NW Hill Rd (gravel) at the intersection of Buckley and NW Hill, and then make a quick left once you see the sign for Hopkins Forest.

### **Route**

Follow the Hopkins Forest trails (the main trails are in the form of a Figure 8, with the bottom circle representing the 4 mile loop). Either walk up the trail straight ahead of the gravel drive behind the red shed to start your journey (steeper) or turn right and walk past the WOC Cabin on your left. Once you reach a four trail intersection (where the lower loop meets the upper loop), take either of the opposite two trails. Keep an eye out for the sharply ascending Birch Brook trail somewhere around where the upper loop begins to circle back. The trail will be on the outer side of the loop, regardless of which direction you came from. At the top of the Birch Brook trail, turn left onto the Taconic Crest Trail. After half a mile or so, turn left onto the Shepherd's Well trail. Follow the trail (and enjoy the view over Rt. 2!) and follow signs to return to the Sara Tenney trail. Once you reach the gates that separate the Sara Tenney trail from Rt. 2, follow the dirt trail up the hill (there will probably be a picnic table?) and scout along the tree line until you see a small sign for Bob's Ski Trail. Follow Bob's Ski Trail and then follow the next set of blazes. When you come to an intersection of blazes, go downhill. You will eventually end up on Petersburg Road after crossing a stream. Turn right onto Petersburg Road, follow the road to Main Street, walk past the old Williams Inn, and return to campus.

## **Swim/Polar Plunge @ Green River**

*If you are unsure about directions, find Aidan (650-529-5518) during WOOLF Training and he will plunge with you.*

Walk to **Lower Linear Park** by Water St and Meadow St (near Hot Tomatoes). Go across the bridge over the Green River. Left of the parking area will be some grass. Walk all the way across the grass (east) until you reach a Picnic Table above a hill. From there CAREFULLY walk down the hill towards a small beach. Swim/plunge at this beach. *NOTE: THE ROPE SWING IS UNSAFE. DO NOT USE.*

**\*The policy of WOOLF is that swimming is allowed BUT NO ROPE SWINGS or JUMPING OFF HEIGHTS OF ANY NATURE.**

## **Stony Ledge via Hopper Trail**

### **Van Directions**

- From Field House, take Route 43 South to Hopper Road. Turn LEFT on to Hopper Road (left turn comes as road curves sharply to right).
- Follow signs to Mt. Greylock trails (bear LEFT onto fork where road turns from pavement to dirt).

- Park at the parking area where the farm and trailhead are.

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## Route

Total Mileage: 5 miles. Follow the **Hopper Trail** south-east for 2.4 miles until you reach **Sperry Rd.** As you travel along the flat section of the Hopper Trail in the beginning, note the Haley Farm Trail that diverges right and the Money Brook Trail that splits left. Make sure to stay on the Hopper Trail! Bear RIGHT (north-west) on Sperry Rd. and continue on it for 1 mile until you reach **Stony Ledge**. Stop here and enjoy the view. From there, go west-north-west on the down the **Haley Farm Trail**. Be sure to take a RIGHT at the intersection of the Stony Ledge Trail to keep on the Haley Farm Trail. At the end of the trail, take a LEFT (west) to reach the farm and van.