

Bald Peak - Rocky Peak - Giant Traverse, Adirondacks

Introduction

The Bald Peak - Rocky Peak - Giant Traverse is an interesting and somehow challenging day hike. It is located in the Adirondack, New York state, USA. As its name says, this is a traverse, that begins and ends at different locations, so it requires one to plan for a car or bike shuttle.

The hike is about 18km (11 miles) long, and implies a total ascent of 1625m (5330 ft) when done in the proposed direction (from east to west). Most of the distance consists of ridge-walking, and there are very good and very constant views.

Topographic Maps

1:25000 Keene Valley NYSDOT 648 USGS o44073b7

1:25000 Rocky Peak Ridge NYSDOT 649 USGS o44073b6

Available from: www.nysgis.state.ny.us/quads/usgsdrg.htm

Driving Directions

Coming from south:

Or coming from north, going to west end of trail first :

- Highway 87
- Exit 30 (route 73, Underhill)
- Once at spaghetti intersection:
 - parking lot at end of the trail is 6.6 km (4.1 mi) ahead on route 73.
 - parking lot at beginning of trail is 7.9 km (4.9 mi) left on route 9.

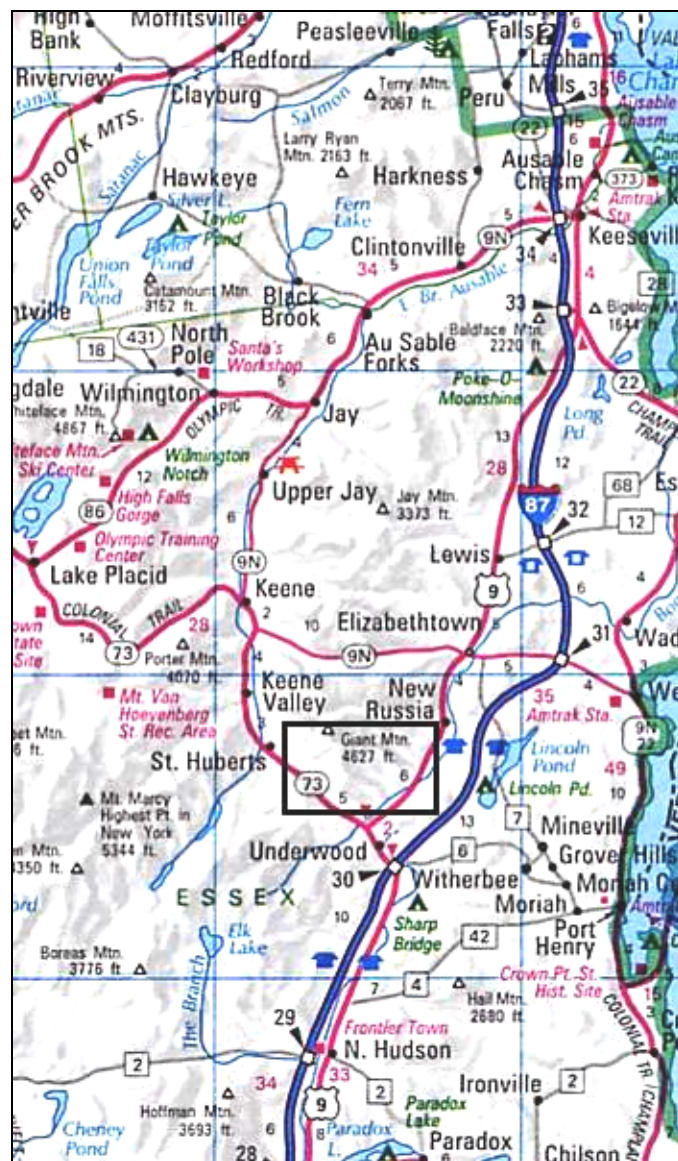
Coming from north, going to west end of trail first :

- Highway 87
- Exit 31 (route 9N, Elizabethtown)
- At Elizabethtown, turn left on route 9 towards New Russia.
- Trailhead is located 1.3 mi past post office of New Russia. If you come to see Gilligan Road connecting on the left, you are about 200m too far.

Note: coming from north, exit 34 and following route 9N to Keene Valley and St Huberts is another good option. The road there is more scenic and the price to pay is about 2-10 minutes of extra driving time.

Shuttle

- from east trailhead, go southwest on Rt.9 for 4.9mi
- Once at spaghetti intersection, parking lot at end of the trail is 4.1 mi left on Rt. 73. The trail there is "Giant Ridge trail". People usually park right there, but if you do so make sure that all tires of your car are off the pavement. There is a parking lot 0.2 mi ahead, at Chapel Pond.



Source : I Love New York - Tourism Map

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Revision/Corrections

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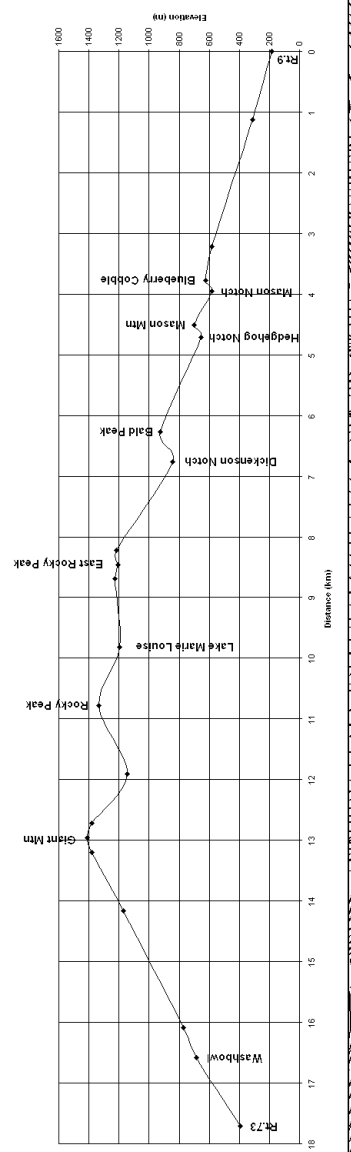
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Bald Peak - Rocky Peak - Giant
Map 1 - East

This topographic map displays the Bald Peak - Rocky Peak - Giant area. The map features contour lines indicating elevation, with major peaks labeled: Bald Peak (845 m), Rocky Peak (1000 m), and Giant Mtn (1000 m). Other labeled features include Mason Mtn, Hedgehog Notch, Chicken Notch, and Blueberry Cobble. A profile view is shown along the bottom edge, plotting elevation (m) against distance (km) from 0 to 17 km. The profile starts at Pt. 9 (0 km, 200 m) and ends at Pt. 73 (17 km, 1000 m), passing through various peaks and notches. A scale bar at the bottom right indicates distances from 0 to 10 km.



Bald Peak - Rocky Peak - Giant Map 2 - West

Location	Distance km (mi)	Elevation m (ft)
Entrance to Rt 9	0.0 km (0.0 mi)	155 m (509 ft)
Rocky Peak	1.0 km (0.9 mi)	310 m (1020 ft)
Brook - Quarry Cobble	3.2 km (2.0 mi)	595 m (1950 ft)
Blueberry Cobble	3.8 km (2.3 mi)	625 m (2050 ft)
Nelson North	4.0 km (2.5 mi)	585 m (1920 ft)
Nelson Min	4.5 km (2.8 mi)	700 m (2300 ft)
Hedgehog Notch	4.7 km (2.9 mi)	655 m (2150 ft)
Bald Peak	6.3 km (3.9 mi)	925 m (3030 ft)
Ridge of East Rocky Peak	6.8 km (4.2 mi)	845 m (2770 ft)
Saddle	8.2 km (5.1 mi)	1,215 m (3990 ft)
East Rocky Peak	8.5 km (5.3 mi)	1,205 m (3950 ft)
Lake Marie Louise	8.7 km (5.4 mi)	1,228 m (4030 ft)
Rocky Peak	9.8 km (6.1 mi)	1,195 m (3920 ft)
Col	10.8 km (6.7 mi)	1,136 m (3760 ft)
Junction Giant Ridge Trail	11.9 km (7.4 mi)	1,145 m (3760 ft)
Giant Min	12.7 km (7.9 mi)	1,380 m (4530 ft)
Junction Giant Ridge Trail	13.0 km (8.1 mi)	1,410 m (4630 ft)
Junction Fearing Brook Trail	14.2 km (8.8 mi)	1,170 m (3840 ft)
Junction to Giant Nubble	16.1 km (10.0 mi)	770 m (2530 ft)
Westbow	16.6 km (10.3 mi)	685 m (2250 ft)
Rt. 73	17.7 km (11.0 mi)	595 m (1950 ft)

