

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 NYS DOT G48 USGS o44073b7

1:25000 Rocky Peak Ridge NYS DOT G49 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 :

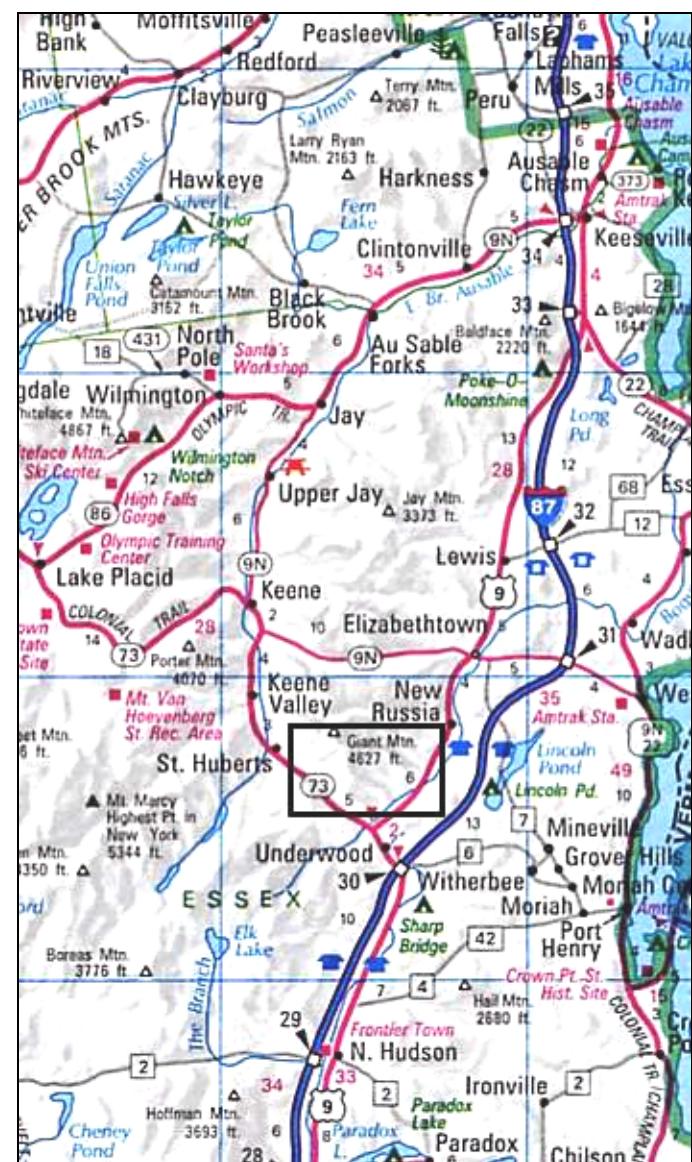
- Highway 87
- Exit 31 (route 9N, Elizabethtown)
- At Elizabethtown, turn left on route 9 towards New Russia.
- Trailhead is located 1.3 mi past post office of New Russia. If you come to see Gilligan Road connecting on the left, you are about 200m too far.

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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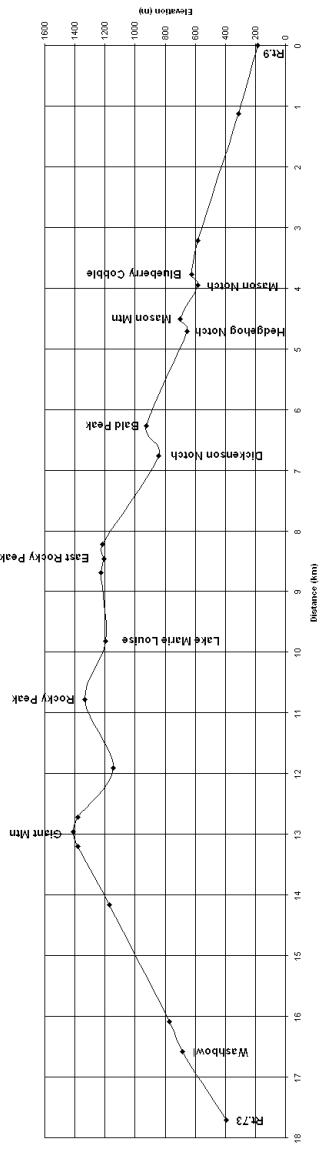
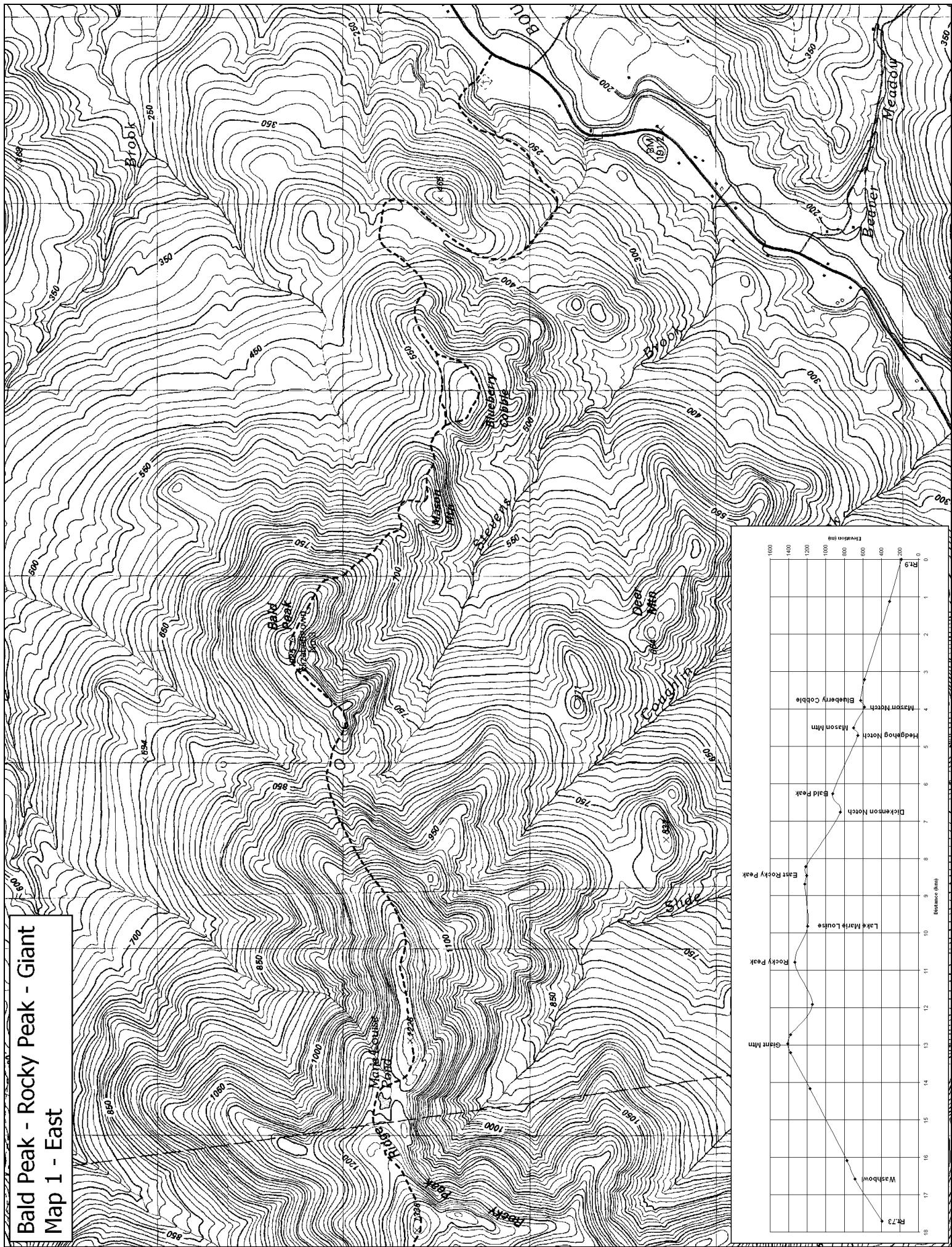
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Map 1 - East



Bald Peak - Rocky Peak - Giant Map 2 - West

