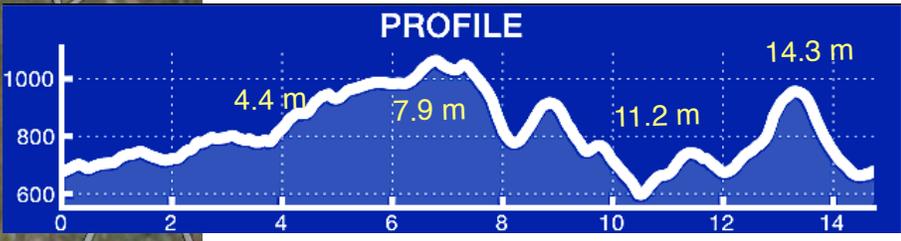




The Mega Loop:
Class 2
16.0 miles
3,800' vertical
8.5 hours

The Mega Loop is a combination of the Grand Loop & Green Dot Loop, minus the Green Dot Trail. The text below for the Mega Hike is simplified because you probably already did these hikes. If not, the best directions would be found on the Grand Loop and Green Dot Loop hike web pages.

The text describes a one day MEGA hike using one car. It might easier to do the Mega hike in 2 days (8.6 mile + 7.4 mile) by parking a car at Sessions Woods and at the route 69 crossing.



The hike begins at Sessions Wood's kiosk (41°43'57.8"N 72°57'19.4"W). Hike the Yellow Dot Trail west, marked by a Blue blaze with a Yellow dot (B/Y). At 2.0 continue past the Black Dot Trail junction, reaching Burlington's most challenging Class 2 pitch at 2.5. (note the photo and description for the Long Loop hike) At 2.7 you reach West Chippens Hill Rd (Please respect the property owner by staying along the edge of his lawn & center of his driveway). At 3.5 the Yellow Dot Trail reaches another series of Class 2 pitches in the Mile of Ledges. At 4.4 turn right onto the Blue blazed Mainline Tunxis Trail (B). Continue north on B merging onto Johnnycake Mountain Road at 7.1. At 7.3 turn right onto Old Field Road and look for the left turn into the woods before the first driveway. Continue north on B and at 7.9 be very alert for the junction with the White Dot Trail marked by a Blue blaze with a White dot (B/W). Turn right (note mini map and text on the Grand Loop Hike). The B/W will start a significant descent. At 8.6 B/W crosses route 69 and Cornwall Rd at 9.5. Continue straight past the junction with the Green Dot Trail at 9.6 miles. The B/W crosses George Washington Turnpike at 10.3 miles and reaches the "T" junction with the B/Y at 11.2 miles. Turn right, passing the junction with the Purple Dot Trail and cross Punch Brook Road at 11.7 miles. At 12.7 miles, continue straight past the junction with the Purple Dot Trail, taking a right when you reach Stone Road. Follow the B/Y along Stone Road, taking a sharp right into Nassahegan State Forest at 13.5. At 14.3 miles, you begin to descend as you pass the junction with the Green Dot Trail. Continue on the B/Y, looking for the sharp right turn at 15.4 miles after crossing the Orange Dot trail (B/O). Return to your car at 16.0

Mileage summary
hike B/Y west reaching Class 2 pitches at 2.5 & 3.5 >
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