

Wildcat Mountain

3.2 or 2.6 miles



Ten-Den Ledge on the east face of Wildcat Mountain.

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has a solid Class 1+ pitch, the only one in town.

The Out & Back hike:
3.2 mile, 2.0 hours
1,450' vertical

The Loop hike:
2.6 mile. 1.5 hours
950' vertical

The hike begins at the parking lot on Stone Road (41.755306, -72.939944) Follow Stone Road south, which is also the Blue / Yellow (B/Y) Trail. At 0.2 miles look for the new CFPAs sign on your left, marking the start of the Blue / Red Trail on Wildcat Mountain. At 0.6 miles is a DEEP sign giving the benefits of modern forest management techniques. In the fall of 2021, a forest thinning operation began on the north side of the trail in Nassahegan State Forest. This trail was not effected. At 1.0 miles, after 3 more educational signs, you reach a small knoll that has a short path into the newly logged area that provides a good view to the east. At 1.2 miles you will have hiked over another knoll and will start a long, very steep, class 1+ descent over a series of ledges forming the east face of Wildcat Mountain. Using 2 trekking poles here are a huge benefit year round, but especially in November. You will feel the stretch in your tendons. At 1.4 miles cross Wildcat Brook on 5 large stepping stones. At 1.5 miles look for the tall ledge on the other side of Wildcat Brook that has over ten dens, which would make a cozy winter residence for a variety of furry mammals. The dens also provide a good view of the hikers. At 1.6 miles you reach the end of the B/R trail with it's double blazes just before George Washington Turnpike. If you want a loop hike, follow the south side of this paved road back to your car on Stone Road. This loop is 2.6 miles plus 950 up & down vertical feet. You can also return the same way to double your tendon workout and complete a 3.2 mile hike with 1,450 vertical feet. Either way, you would have completed the only hike in Burlington rated a solid Class 1+.

Mileage summary

Hike the B/Y south > turn east on B/R at 0.2 > Class 1+ pitch at 1.2 > B/R ends at 1.6.

Loop hike: turn west to follow paved roads back to your car = 2.6 miles

Our & Back: turn around to follow B/R back to your car = 3.2 miles

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