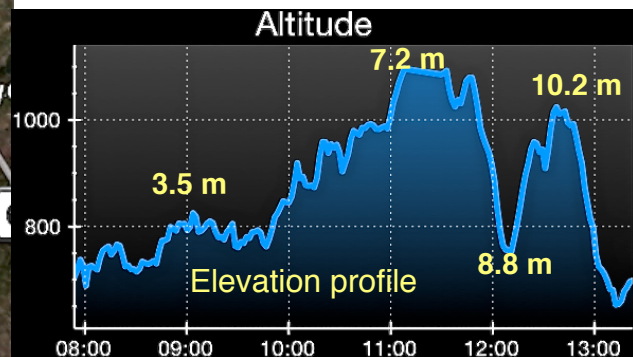
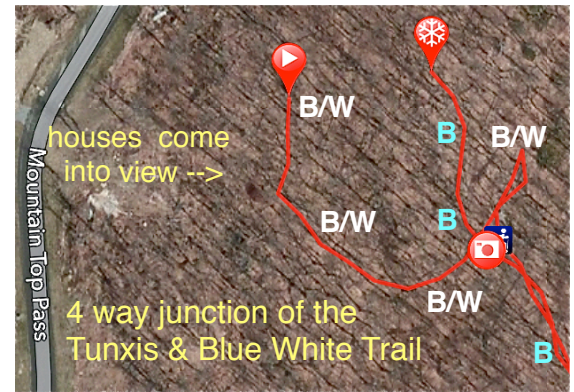


The Grand Loop:
Class 2, 12.2 miles
2,650 ' vertical, 6.2 hours



Mileage summary

hike B/Y west over 4 Class 2 pitches >
 turn right onto B at 4.4 >
 turn right onto B/W at 8.0 >
 turn right onto B/G trail at 9.8 >
 turn right onto B/Y at 10.4 >
 return to your car at 12.2

The hike begins at the SW corner of Sessions Wood's parking lot (41.732830, -72.955389). Hike NW past their gate to find the Blue / Yellow Trail. Continue on this trail to 0.6 miles, where you turn right to stay on the B/Y Trail. At 1.0 miles go straight past the Blue / Orange Trail junction (B/O). At 2.0 continue past the Blue / Black Trail junction and then cross East Chippens Hill Road. At 2.7 miles you reach West Chippens Hill Rd (Please respect the property owner by staying along the edge of his lawn & center of his driveway). At 2.9 the B/Y Trail turns left off of Greer Rd. At 3.5 you reach a ledge with a Class 2 pitch. This is the Mile of Ledges section which contains 3 additional Class 2 ascents. (It would be good to review the Mile of Ledges link) At 4.4 turn right at the junction with Mainline Tunxis Trail, marked with a Blue blaze (B). Pass Tory's Den at 4.5 miles. Continue north on B passing the Connector to Greer Road at 5.5 miles and merging onto Johnnycake Mountain Road at 7.2. At 7.4 turn right onto Old Field Rd & look for the left turn into the woods before the first driveway. At 8.0 be very alert for the junction with the Blue White Trail (B/W), where you turn right (note mini map above). Approaching this right turn, you will see houses on your left, after your ascent levels off for the second time. The B/W trail is almost level for 50 feet, then starts a major descent. At 8.8 miles you cross route 69, turning right to stay on B/W trail. Continue uphill, crossing Cornwall Rd at 9.7. The right turn onto the Green Dot Trail comes up quick at 9.8. Ascend your last big hill, before the right turn onto the B/Y trail at 10.4, which will take you back to your car at 12.2. (Reading the last paragraph in the Figure 8 Loop provides good detail of the last 1.8 miles on the Blue / Yellow Trail).