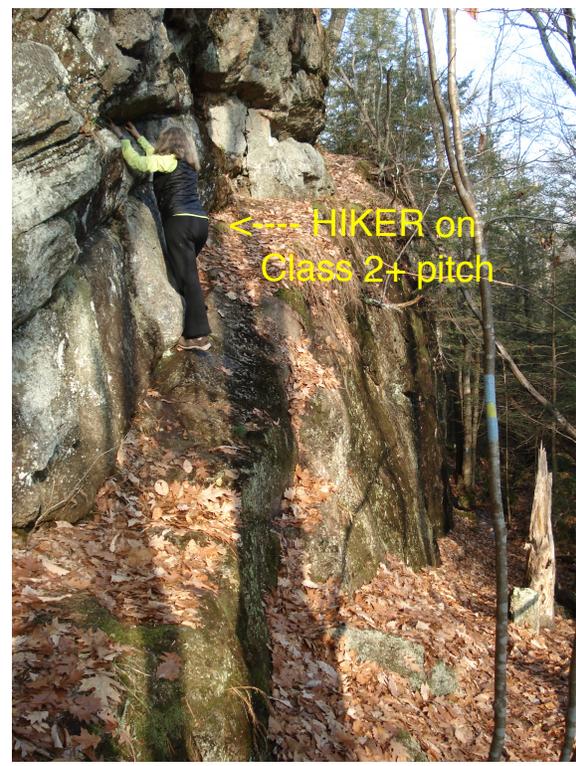


**Long Loop:**  
**Class 2**  
**9.4 miles**  
**2,320' vertical**  
**4.7 hours**



The hike begins on Old Field Road (41°44'59.0"N 72°59'30.1"W), parking 50 yards west of the first driveway. The trailhead north could have lots of weeds, but it is short term. Look for the solid blue blaze rectangle (B) for the Mainline Tunxis Trail. At 0.6 miles be very alert for the junction with the White Dot Trail, marked by a Blue blaze with a White dot (B/W). Turn right, as you see a house on your left, and your ascent levels off. The B/W Trail is almost level for 50 feet then starts a significant descent. At 1.4 miles you cross route 69, turning right to stay on B/W. Continue uphill, crossing Cornwall Road at 2.3 miles. The right turn onto the Green Dot Trail is very close at 2.4 miles. At 3.0 miles turn right onto the Yellow Dot Trail, marked by a Blue blaze with a Yellow dot (B/Y) which descends to the cul-de-sac at the end of Cornwall Road (3.4 miles). Continue straight past the gate as the B/Y becomes a wide dirt road. At 3.7 miles you reach a large trail junction. Turn right onto the wide Orange Dot Trail (B/O), which crosses route 69 at 4.4 miles. At 5.1 miles you turn right at the junction with the B/Y Trail. Follow the B/Y straight past the junction with the Black Dot Trail (6.1 miles) & cross East Chippens Hill Road at 6.2 miles.

At 6.6 miles there is a hairpin turn, followed by two Class 2 pitches. The first, a narrow 8 foot ledge, is the most challenging in Burlington. The key is finding the great hand hold ledge just above your head (note photo). Trekking poles could hang from your wrist. If you want to try this beforehand, it is located 0.3 miles west of the crossing of East Chippens Hill Road. Park 100 yards past the red barn at 115 East Chippens Hill Rd.

At 6.8 miles you reach West Chippens Hill Rd (respect the property owner by staying along the edge of his lawn & center of his driveway). Go straight from the driveway onto Greer Road. Follow this road straight to just pass the last driveway on the left at 7.4 miles. Turn left and follow the blue blazes marking the short Connector Trail to the Mainline Tunxis Trail, marked by a Blue blaze (B). At 7.5 miles turn right onto the B which merges onto Johnnycake Mountain Road at 9.1 miles. Take the second right onto Old Field Road, reaching your car at 9.4 miles.

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hike north on B, turn right onto B/W at 0.6 & turn right onto Green Dot at 3.4 >  
 turn right onto B/Y at 3.0 & right onto B/O at 3.7 & right onto B/Y at 5.1 >  
 ascend Greer Rd, turning left at the B connector trail at 7.4. Follow B to your car at 9.4

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