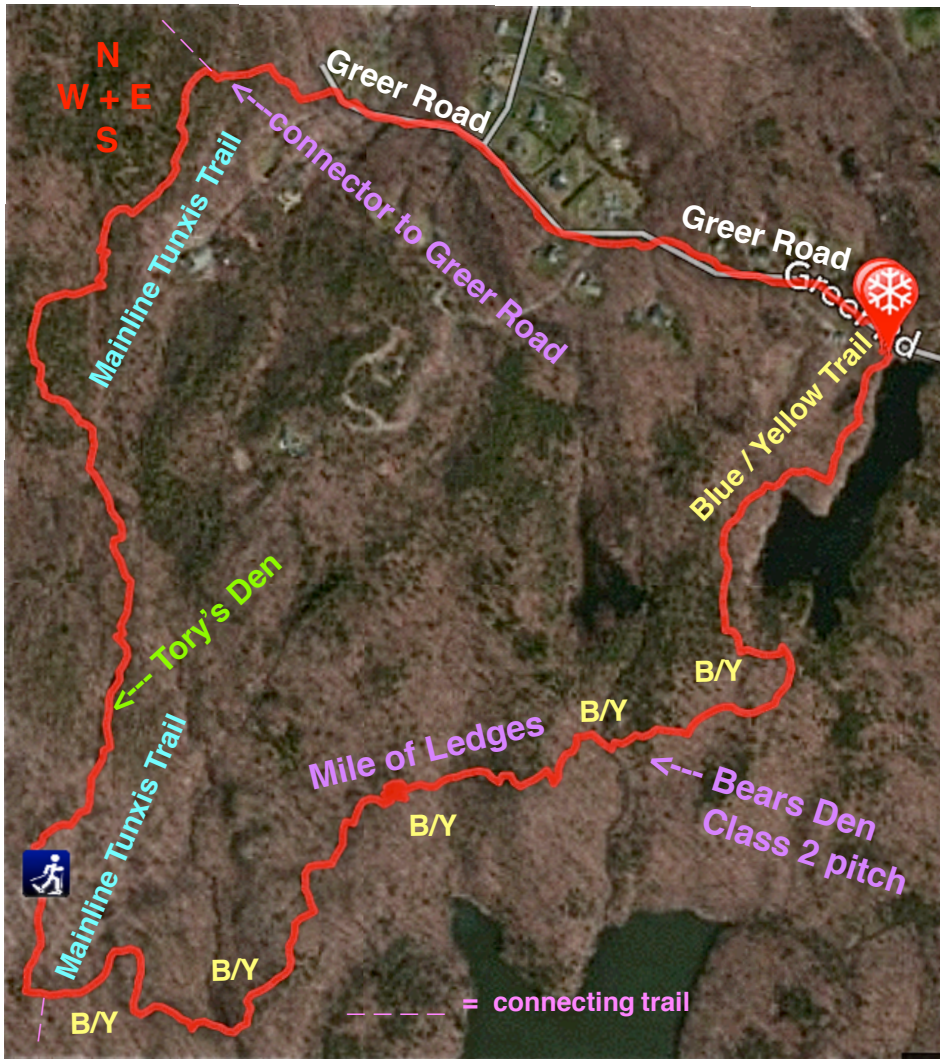


**Mile of Ledges:  
Class 2 (5 pitches)  
3.1 miles, 750' vertical, 2.1 hours**



Bear's Den approach

Bear's Den 8 foot descent

The hike begins at the parking lot next to the pond on Greer Road ( 41.725083 -72.984861 ). Follow the Blue/Yellow (B/Y) Trail south. At 0.4 miles look for the stepping stones to cross Marsh Brook. At 0.6 miles you climb the first major ledge, which is an easy Class 2 ascent. At 0.8 the next major ledge includes the Bear's Den and a challenging Class 2 descent (note photos). A Class 2 pitch requires the use of your hands, as well as your feet. If you have concerns, I recommend you backtrack down the trail for about 100 feet. An unmarked level bypass goes to the right around this rock feature and reconnects with the B/Y blazes on the other side. Hike into the Den to see if you want to try to ascend this Class 2 pitch. If you liked it, you may now want to try it as a Class 2 descent, which is often harder. It is good to be with friends that can help you from below. If you still have issues, it would be best to return to your car rather than continuing west on the B/Y trail and climbing 3 other Class 2 ascents. At 1.4 miles the Ledges end. Continue west on the B/Y Trail, turning right at the "T" junction with the Mainline Tunxis Trail at 1.5 miles. At 1.7 you pass Tory's Den, which is fun to explore. The trail continues through a section that had a forest fire in 2008. At 2.6 miles turn right at the junction with the Connector Trail to Greer Road. Turn right at Greer Road. Return to your car at 3.1 miles. If you enjoyed the Class 2 experience on this hike, try it again, but in the opposite direction because it has Class 2 descents, which are harder than ascents . It will improve your hiking skills and provide a great workout in a short amount of time.

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**Mileage summary**

- hike the B/Y southeast across 5 Class 2 pitches >
- turn right onto Tunxis Trail at 1.5 and right onto the Greer Road connector at 2.6 >
- turn right on Greer Rd and return to your car at 3.1