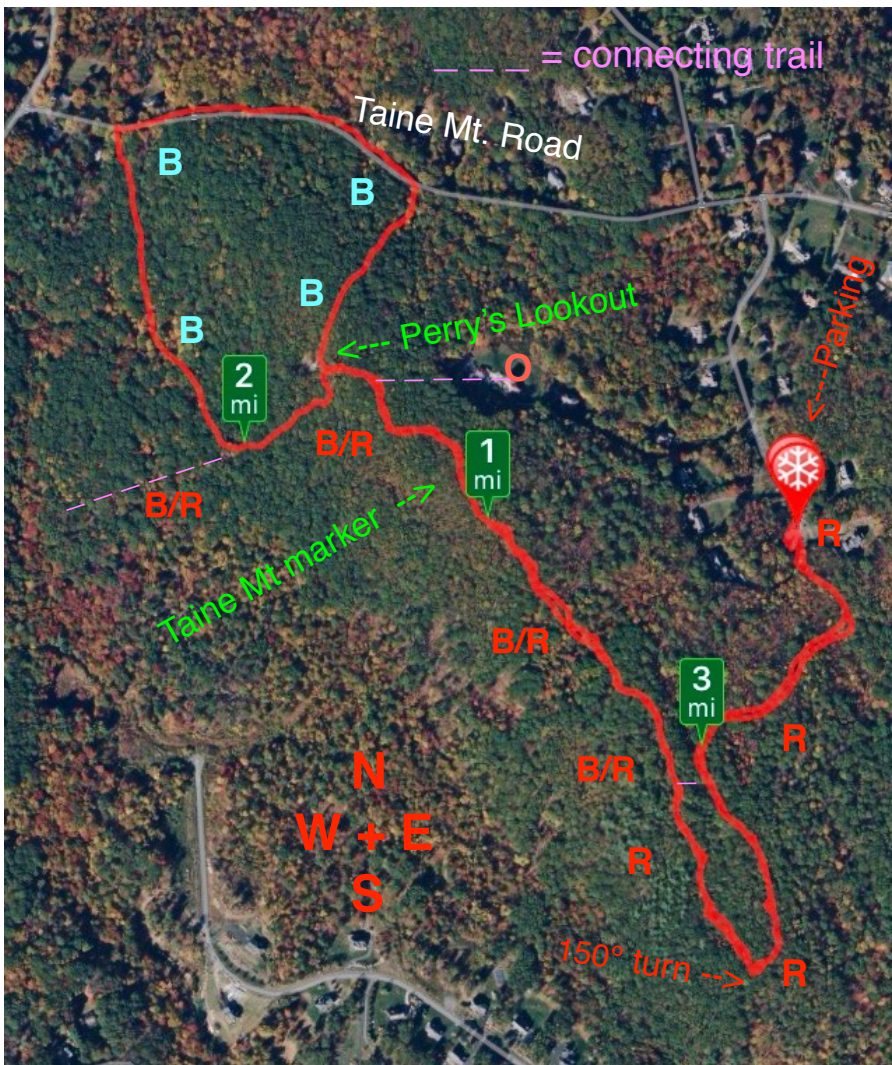


Perry's Lookout Loop
Class 1
3.2 miles
1,100' vertical
1.8 hours



View from Perry's Lookout



**The 1980
Taine Mountain
geodetic survey
marker**

Park at the cul-de-sac at the end of Ventres Way (41.763611, -72.917806) The trailhead starts on a wide gravel shared driveway at the top of the cul-de-sac. Bear left in 50 feet at a "Y" junction, as the driveway turns right. The red blazed trail (R) now becomes a wide wood road that reaches a "T" junction at 0.1 miles. Turn right and at 0.2 bear left on the R trail at another "Y" junction with a wood road. At 0.5 make a very sharp 150° turn to the right to stay on R. (Note this junction, since it is harder to notice when you return since the old red dot trail goes straight). At 0.6 the R trail merges onto the Blue / Red Trail (B/R) marked by a new sign and the new plastic markers. After crossing 30 new stepping stones over wet lands and a brook, the B/R trail ascends the southeast slope of Taine Mountain. At 1.0 the trail reaches the summit and then descends gradually to a small stone cairn on the right side of the trail at 1.1 miles that marks the location of a rare US National Geodetic Survey Marker from 1980

Continue on B/R to Perry's Lookout, with it's great view to the west and a "T" junction at 1.2 miles. The B/R trail turns left, but you turn right onto the blue painted blazed trail (B). This is not the Tunxis Mainline Trail, even though they both use the same blaze. Follow the B blazes down to Taine Mt. Rd and turn left. At 1.6 the B turns left back into the forest, just before a driveway. At 2.0 turn left at the junction with B/R. Climb steeply back up to Perry's Lookout. Retrace your steps on the B/R trail to the junction with the R trail at 2.6 miles. Be very alert at 2.7 miles for very sharp 150° turn. If you no longer see the painted red blazes, turn around because you missed the turn. Return to your car at 3.2 miles.

Perry's Lookout Loop is very similar to the Taine Mountain Double Loop, but has much less of a road walk. At the end of the B/R trail (2.6 miles) there is a shortcut back to the R trail. It is a wide 50 foot long trail back to the yellow BLT Nature Preserve sign. Turn left there on the R trail and return to your car after 3.0 miles.