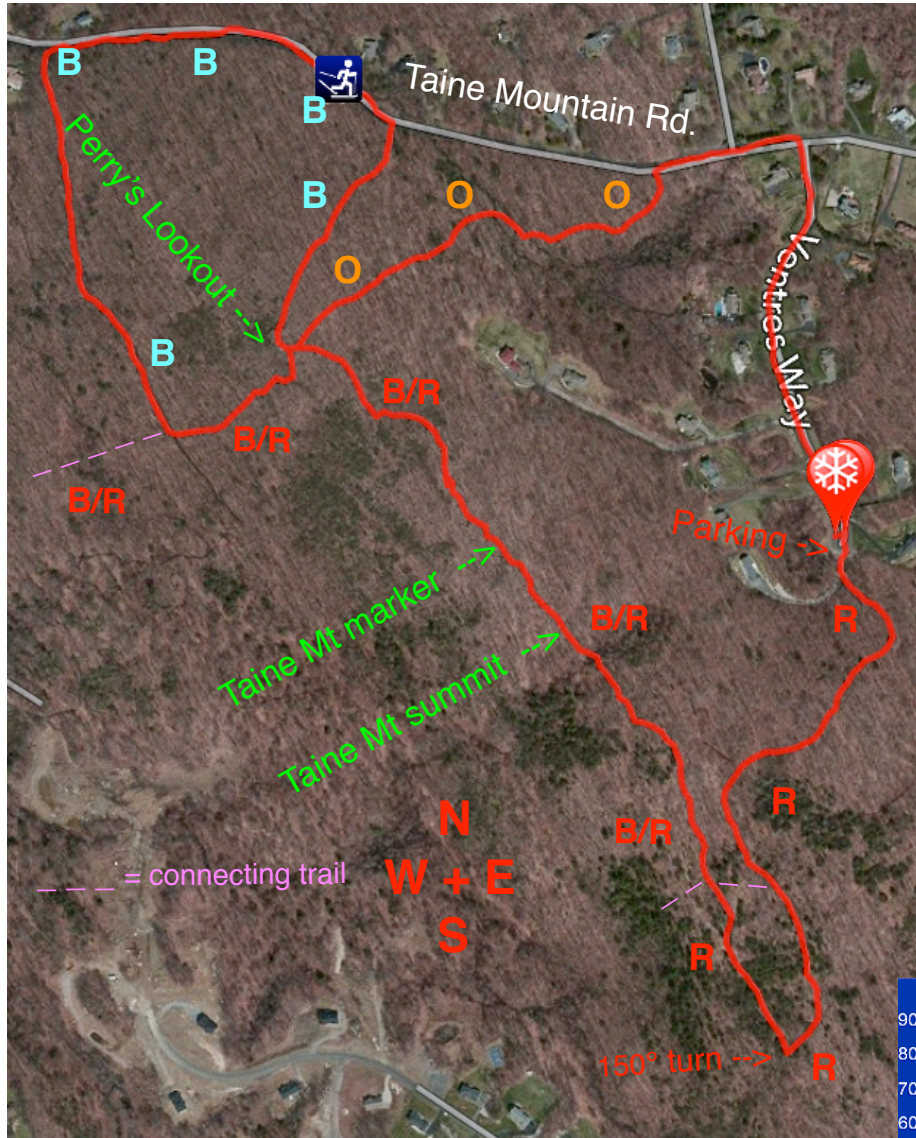
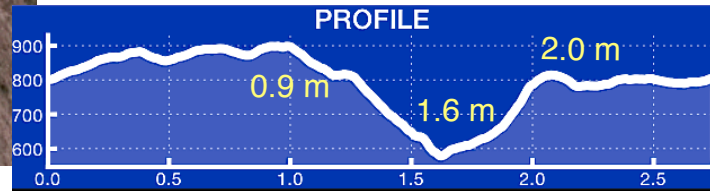


Taine Mountain Double Loop
Class 1
3.0 miles
860' vertical
1.7 hours



Connecticut's state flower borders the Red Trail.



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 150° turn to the right to stay on R. 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 a small brook, the B/R trail ascends the southeast slope of Taine Mountain. At 0.9 the trail reaches the summit and then descends gradually to a small stone cairn on the right side of the trail at 1.0 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 1.1 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 1.9 turn left at the junction with B/R. Climb steeply back up to Perry’s Lookout. 50 feet east of this summit, turn left at 2.0 onto the Orange blazed trail (O). Turn right onto Taine Mt Rd at 2.4 and right onto Ventres Way at 2.5. Return to your car at 3.0.

NOTE: The 0.4 mile Orange trail has become an adventure because the 20 year old orange painted blazes have faded significantly. Orange metal trail markers have been recently added which helps to find the next faded orange blaze to the double stream crossing. After crossing these parallel brooks, you might not find the next orange trail marker. If that is the case, Taine Mountain Road can be seen and is an easy bushwhack to reach it. Another option is to avoid the orange trail and retrace your steps back to your car at 3.2 miles.