



HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOCIATION

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Suggested Hikes on trails of the Hazen's Notch Association

The trails of the Hazen's Notch Association are on privately-owned land. Landowners have given permission for limited public access for hiking from mid-May to mid November and for cross country skiing and snowshoeing from mid December to the end of March. In Winter access all trails from the HNA Welcome Center on Route 58. For a map of the trails, go to the website: hazensnotch.org and follow the link to "Trail Map". You can print the map before leaving home or see the map on your portable device as you hike.

The High Meadow

One mile round-trip

The distance from the entrance to the High Ponds Farm to the Moosewood Ponds is only 0.25 mile, to the High Meadow only 0.5 mile. There is a very fine panorama of Jay Peak, Big Jay and Little Jay from the High Meadow. The upper or back of the meadow has a mowed "lawn" against a backdrop of tall spruce and fir trees. In the foreground and on Sugar Hill to the west are many sugar maples.

Lower Window Rock Trail to Notch Trail to the High Meadow

A 1.5-mile Loop

One can make a loop with the Notch Trail to the east and back to the parking lot via the Lower Window Rock Trail. That loop is 1.5 miles and takes not more 90 minutes, longer if enjoying the views from the meadow where there is also a picnic table. From the entrance to the High Ponds Farm, follow the Beaver Ponds Trail past the first beaver pond on your right. The next left is the Lower Window Rock Trail which you will ascend to the Notch Trail. Turn right and follow to the High Meadow. Return via the High Meadow Trail and Beaver Ponds Trail.

High Ponds Farm to Bear Paw Pond

A 3-mile Loop

From the Welcome Center walk east on Route 58 for 1 km (.6 mile). Turn right and walk up the Rossier Road to the High Ponds Farm following the Beaver Ponds Trail. At the junction with the High Meadow Trail, stay right on the Beaver Ponds Trail, passing a picnic shelter that overlooks the Moosewood Ponds with the fine view of Burnt Mountain. Continue on the Beaver Ponds Trail over gentle switchbacks to the saddle between Sugar Hill and Rossier Hill. From there it is a moderate descent to the Old Sugar House at the junction of Beaver Ponds Trail, Sugar House Trail and Dark Entry Trail to the beautiful Coyote Meadow with views of the Jay Mountains. The adjacent Bear Paw Pond Conservation Area next to the meadow has picnic shelters and the pretty Bear Paw Pond. 15 minutes further on Trail number 8 and you will come to the Welcome Center. That loop is 3 miles.

Burnt Mountain

A Moderately Strenuous Half-day Hike

2.4 miles each way; 1,400' vertical climb

From the entrance to the High Ponds Farm, follow the Beaver Ponds Trail to the junction with the High Meadow Trail. Turn left on the High Meadow Trail and continue to just past the wood sheds. Turn left and walk along the stonewall to the Notch Trail. Turn left on the Notch Trail and then right at the junction with the Sunset Ridge Trail. This trail is a woods road until it reaches the west-running ridge. It becomes a footpath to the main ridge where the trail turns right and continues through a stand of Mountain paper birch (*Betula cordifolia*) on its way to the wooded summit and to the panoramic view beyond. The view was discovered in 1989 by Rolf Anderson who created the original route and the current route.