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Sunrise Trail



Rating:  Easiest

Length: 1.1 miles round trip

Elevation: +131 ft

Route Type: Loop

Location: [Fort Dummer State Park, Brattleboro, VT](#)

Description: Short hike with lots of flowers and a great view at the halfway mark. Do as the name says and get out there early to catch a nice sunrise. Want a little more? Hike the half mile down to Broad Brook for a swim.

Little Black Mountain



Rating:  Easiest

Length: 1.2 miles round trip

Elevation: +219 ft

Route Type: Out and Back

Location: [1933 Black Mountain Rd, Dummerston, VT](#)

Description: Shortest path to the top of Black Mountain since you cover much of the elevation driving to the trailhead.

Putney Mountain



Rating:  Easiest

Length: 1.2 miles round trip

Elevation: +157 ft

Route Type: Loop

Location: [Putney Mountain Rd, Putney, VT](#)

Description: This short hike gives the greatest reward for the least investment in all of Southern VT! It offers a 360° view of a handful of ski mountains on one side and Mount Monadnock on the other side. Come in spring to catch some of the thousands of hawks that migrate past this summit every year.

Round Mountain



Rating: **2** Easy

Length: 2.2 – 2.4 miles round trip (depending on which summit you go to)

Elevation: +715 ft

Route Type: Out and Back

Location: [West Brattleboro, VT](#)

Description: Hike to one of the best views in Brattleboro. Round Mountain has two summits that provide lovely views of Wantastiquet, downtown Brattleboro, and more. Be sure to stop at the Lilac Ridge farm stand on your way home.

Mount Olga via Tower Trail



Rating: **2** Easy

Length: 3.2 miles round trip

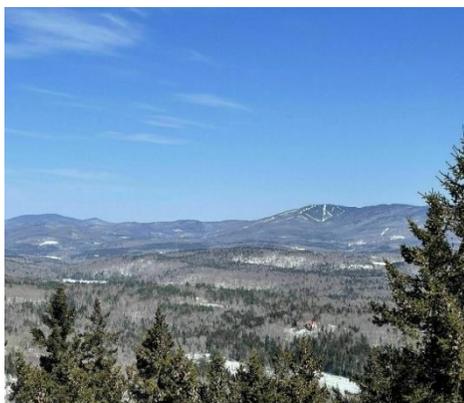
Elevation: +300 ft

Route Type: Out and Back

Location: [Marlboro, VT](#)

Description: Relive the ski slopes of a bygone era by hiking amongst the trails and lifts of the once popular [Hogback Mountain Ski Area](#). The relatively smooth trail has a gradual slope and offers a few stellar ‘chute’ views of the valley below. However, the not-faint-of-heights will be princely rewarded at the top by climbing the fire tower for the spectacular 360° view. For bonus points print out [these old trail maps from the ski area](#) and try to identify the old lifts and trails.

Mount Olga Trail



Rating: **3** Moderate

Length: 3.6 miles round trip

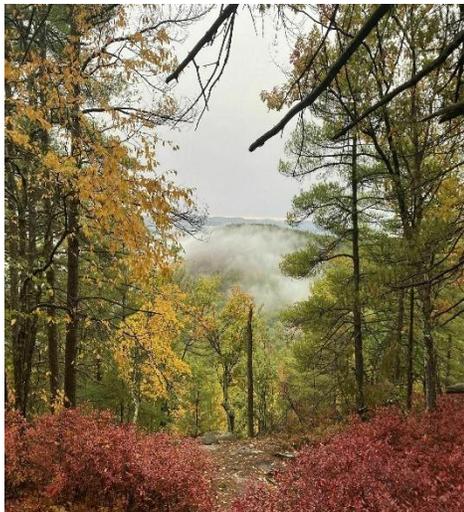
Elevation: +521 ft

Route Type: Loop

Location: [Molly Stark State Park, Wilington, VT](#)

Description: From Molly Stark State Park, hike to the top of the 2148 ft high Mount Olga. The trail is relatively short but has a moderate incline with some switchbacks (lots of roots in some spots as well).

Black Mountain



Rating:

3

Moderate

Trail Options:

- 2.5 miles round trip (out and back)
- 3.0 miles round trip (loop)

Elevation: +977 ft

Location: [1112 Rice Farm Rd, Dummerston, VT](#)

Description: Although not long, this hike up Black Mountain can be strenuous due to the elevation gain. The view from the summit can be limited by foliage, but with the right conditions you can see Mount Monadnock. Black Mountain is unique because it's made of granite and is well known for its abundance of forest flora and fauna.

New Hampshire

Chesterfield Gorge



Rating:

1

Easiest

Length: 0.7 miles round trip

Elevation: +154 ft

Route Type: Loop

Location: [Spofford, NH](#)

Description: A well maintained trail that follows Wilde Brook as it tumbles over a series of cascades. This is a good summer hike with the cool running water and lots of trees for good shade.

Ann Stokes Loop



Rating:

3

Moderate

Length: 2.3 miles round trip

Elevation: +469 ft

Route Type: Loop

Location: [West Chesterfield, NH](#)

Description: A rocky, forested loop trail with some steep elevation gains. Make sure to take the spur to Indian Pond, and of course be sure to stop at Madame Sherri's Castle on the way out or way back. [Check out its history before you go to get the true feel.](#)

Daniels Mountain Loop



Rating: **4** Strenuous

Length: 4.2 miles round trip

Elevation: +902 ft

Route Type: Loop

Location: [West Chesterfield, NH](#)

Description: Enjoyed the Ann Stokes Loop but want more of a challenge? Add in Daniels Mountain for a larger loop and enjoy your lunch on Moon Ledge with its great views of Pisgah and the Connecticut river valley.

Wantastiquet Summit



Rating: **4** Strenuous

Length: 3.8 miles round trip

Elevation: +1053 ft

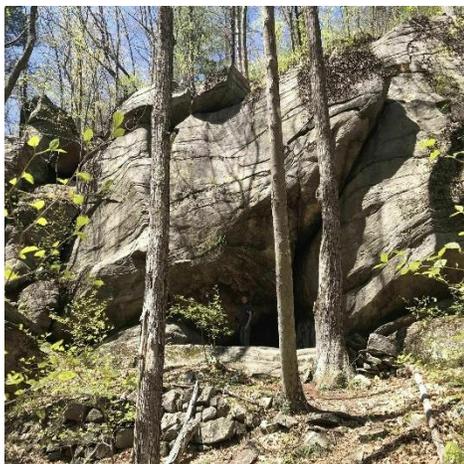
Route Type: Out and Back

Location: [West Chesterfield, NH](#)

Description: Heavily traveled trail to a summit with great views of Brattleboro and the other surrounding peaks of Southern VT.

Massachusetts

Hermit Cave Loop



Rating: **4** Strenuous

Length: 4.0 miles round trip

Elevation: +524 ft

Route Type: Lollipop

Location: [Erving, MA](#)

Description: This trail starts out flat as it winds through a nice pine forest. After passing by Hermit Mountain you descend steeply to Hermit Castle, Hermit cave, and other cool rock formations. You'll then climb back up the mountain where you can have lunch with a great view of Millers River and the surrounding valley. [Read the Hermit's history before you go.](#)

Northfield Mountain Trail



Rating: 4 Strenuous

Length: 3.8 miles round trip

Elevation: +895 ft

Route Type: Loop

Location: [Northfield Mountain Recreation Center, MA](#)

Description: A large complex of trails that are great for cross country skiing in the winter. In the summer it's a nice hike to a summit that overlooks the Northfield Mount reservoir.