TRAIL INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTIONS

Hiking trails at Wachusett Mountain State Reservation are marked with blue rectangles. Trails commonly have steep, rough and rocky sections, and may be slippery or muddy at any time of the year. Sections of trails may be closed periodically. Use of the hiking trails at the Reservation is limited to hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, and horseback riding. Vehicular use, including bicycling, is prohibited on the hiking trails. Bicycling is permitted on all of the Reservation roadways.

Part of the Mid State Trail is within the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation. The Mid State Trail stretches 92 miles from New Hampshire to Rhode Island, and is marked with yellow triangles. From the North, the Mid State Trail crosses the Reservation by way of the Balance Rock, Old Indian, Seminoma, West Side, Old Indian, Mountain House, Link, Harrington, and Dickens Trails. Information on trail length, average one-way hiking trip duration, access locations, and elevation change are listed in the following descriptions.

SUMMIT ACCESS TRAILS

- **Harrington Trail** - 1.4 mi. (30 min.) Trailhead at Westminster Rd. across from Dickens Trail. Intersects the Stage Coach, Lower Link, Seminoma, and Link Trails, and West and Administration Rd. 740 ft. elevation change.
- **Mountain House Trail** - 9 mi. (45 min.) Trailhead at Mountain Rd. across from Gregory Rd. Intersects the Seminoma, Loop, Jack Frost, and Link Trails. 740 ft. elevation change.
- **Old Indian Trail** - 1.3 mi. (1 hr. 30 min.) Trailhead at Balance Rock Rd. across from Balance Rock Trail. Intersects the Seminoma and West Side Trails. 750 ft. elevation change.
- **Pine Hill Trail** - 4 mi. (50 min.) Trailhead at the Bicentennial Trail near the Visitor Center. 600 ft. elevation change.

CONNECTOR TRAILS

- **Balance Rock Trail** - 4 mi. (20 min.) Connects the Ski Area Lodge Parking lot to Balance Rock Rd. 180 ft. elevation change.
- **Bicentennial Trail** - 1.0 mi. (1 hr.) Connects the Visitors Center to the Pine Hill, Loop, Mountain House, and High Meadow Trails. 200 ft. elevation change.
- **Bolton Pond Trail** - 4 mi. (30 min.) Connects Bolton Rd. to the Balance Rock Trail. 270 ft. elevation change.
- **Dickens Trail** - 9 mi. (50 min.) Connects the Harrington Trail at Westminster Rd. to the Massachusetts Audubon Society’s Wachusett Meadow Sanctuary. 450 ft. elevation change.
- **Dobney Trail** - 0.5 mi. (30 min.) Connects the Visitors Center with the Ski Area Lodge. 200 ft. elevation change.
- **Echo Lake Trail** - 4 mi. (20 min.) Connects Westminster Rd. to the Echo Lake Rd. 80 ft. elevation change.
- **High Meadow Trail** - 4 mi. (30 min.) Connects Echo Lake Rd. to the Bicentennial and Jack Frost Trails. 350 ft. elevation change.
- **Jack Frost Trail** - 7 mi. (45 min.) Connects Administration Rd. to the Lower Link, High Meadow, and Mountain House Trails. 500 ft. elevation change.
- **Link Trail** - 1 mi. (50 min.) Connects the Harrington Trail with the Mountain House Trail. 100 ft. elevation change.
- **Loop Trail** - 6 mi. (50 min.) Connects the Bicentennial Trail with the Mountain House Trail. 100 ft. elevation change.
- **Lower Link Trail** - 3 mi. (15 min.) Connects the Jack Frost Trail with the Harrington Trail. 180 ft. elevation change.
- **Seminoma Trail** - 1.1 mi. (1 hr.) Connects the Old Indian, West Side, and Harrington Trails. 350 ft. elevation change.
- **Stage Coach Trail** - 5 mi. (20 min.) Connects Westminster Rd. with the Harrington Trail. 180 ft. elevation change.
- **West Side Trail** - 1.0 mi. (1 hr. 15 min.) Connects West Princeton Rd. with the Seminoma and Old Indian Trails. 450 ft. elevation change.

INTERIOR UNPAVED ROADS

- **Administration Rd.** - 1.0 mi. Connects Westminster Rd. with the Summit Access Road. Intersects the Echo Lake and West Rds., and the Jack Frost and Harrington Trails.
- **Balance Rock Rd.** - 1.4 mi. Connects Mountain Rd. with the North Rd. Intersects the Dobney, Balance Rock, and Old Indian Trails.
- **Echo Lake Rd.** - 7 mi. Connects Mountain Rd. with the Administration Rd. Intersects the High Meadow and Echo Lake Trails.
- **North Rd.** - 7 mi. Connects West Princeton Rd. with the Summit Access Rd. Intersects the Balance Rock Rd.
- **West Rd.** - 1.2 mi. Connects West Princeton Rd. with the Administration Rd. Intersects the Harrington Trail and Old Indian Trails. 410 ft. elevation change.

INTERIOR PAVED ROADS

- **Summit Access Road** - 0.05 mi. (2.35 mi up, 13% average grades, 1.7 mi down, 18% average grades). Entrance at the Park Visitor Center on Mountain Rd. (seasonally open to automobile use).