

SECTION 9: GREENDALE ROAD TO HEALDVILLE

SNAPSHOT:

This section passes primarily through state and national forest land mainly on groomed snowmobile trails. As of 2008, the two miles immediately South of Healdville on the North slope of Ludlow Mountain (Okemo) are no longer shared with snowmobiles.

LENGTH: 12.6 miles

DIFFICULTY:

This section is intermediate with several difficult sections. Just south of Rte. 155 there are steep slopes and sharp turns that are shared with snowmobiles. Under icy conditions these steep sections require skins or expert ski skills. Caution should be taken when traveling this route, especially on weekends, when snowmobile traffic tends to be heaviest.

DIRECTIONS TO TRAIL ACCESS/EXIT POINTS (south to north):

1. Greendale Winter Parking Area - Weston

Take the Greendale Rd. off Rte. 100, 1.9 miles north of Weston or 1.6 miles south of the Rte. 100/155 intersection. Travel approximately 2 miles north on the Greendale Rd. (FR 18) to the parking area that is immediately past a small bridge.

2. Rte. 155 - Mt. Holly

The CT (on VAST Corridor #7) crosses Rte. 155 approximately 3.5 miles northwest of the Rte. 100/155 intersection in Weston. Snowplows often clear a space large enough for a few cars to park on the north side of the road.

3. Healdville - Mt. Holly

From the Rte. 103/100 intersection (northwest of Ludlow) take Rte. 103 northwest for 2.7 miles. Turn left (south) onto Station Road (at Wright Construction). Follow Station Road for .7 miles to the railroad tracks. Cross the tracks and park leaving room for snowmobiles. Parking is limited to a few cars. At the east (far) end of the parking lot, the CT (south bound) and the blue-blazed Healdville Hiking Trail head east congruently into the woods. If the road is plowed up to the closed bridge to your right, several cars can be stationed along the edge of the road.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION:

Head north from the **Greendale Winter Parking Area (0.0)** on FR 18. Approximately 0.2 miles past Greendale Camping Area (on left), go through an open gate, cross a bridge, and ascend north-northeast up an old logging road to a junction with **VAST Corridor #7 snowmobile trail (2.5)**. The CT shares the VAST Corridor #7 until the last two miles of this section. Turn right (east) and follow the snowmobile trail to **Rte. 155 (5.7)**. Because it is steep and twisty, take extra precautions as you ski the final descent to Rte. 155.

Walk northwest along Rte. 155 approximately 0.1 mile to Government Rd. on the north side of Rte. 155. This is an access road to Okemo State Forest but it has no sign. Ski east on the access road. After three quarters of a mile, VAST Corridor #7 rejoins the access road and the CT from the left. Follow VAST #7 north on a rolling traverse of the backside of Ludlow Mountain. Just as the descent begins, look for arrows and blazes directing you eastward on a continued traverse of the NW side of Ludlow Mountain. After crossing a ravine and the Healdville hiking trail (blue painted blazes) the trail descends through switchbacks. Two short sections are shared with the hiking trail. The trail reaches the hiking trailhead and Station parking lot (unplowed), rejoins VAST Corridor #7, and descends to **Healdville (12.6)**.

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DISTANCE TO LANDMARKS:

Mileage Northbound	Landmark	Mileage Southbound
0.0	Greendale Winter Parking Area	12.6
2.5	VAST Corridor #7 Jct.	10.1
5.7	Rte. 155	6.9
12.6	Healdville	0.0

SIDE TRAILS AND LOOPS:

No side trails or loops have been identified for this section of the CT.