



Section 20: Camel's Hump Road to Duxbury Road

SNAPSHOT

Section 20 provides a variety of ungroomed, backcountry skiing along moderately steep terrain in Camel's Hump State Park. It connects to the groomed trail system of the Camel's Hump Nordic Ski Area (CHNSA). The Trail from the CHNSA trail system north to Duxbury Rd. (River Rd.) provides an exhilarating downhill ski along the popular Honey Hollow Trail. The CT is coincident with Camel's Hump Challenge Trail for 2.8 miles where there are several glade skiing opportunities along the way. Ungroomed side trails offer attractive alternate routes.

LENGTH

9.4 miles (15.13 km)

DIFFICULTY

There are no road crossings between the bridge at the north end of Section 19 and the north end of Section 20 at Duxbury Road. However, the CT crosses the Burrows Connector, Forest City and Burrows hiking trails and intersects with CHNSA Saddle and Stage Coach ski trails for mid-section access. Heading north the trail climbs 1000 feet in 1.7 miles to a saddle at 2800 feet between Camel's Hump and Bald Hill and from there the trail descends 2400 feet to the Winooski River in about 7 miles. Headed north or south the long downhill runs include side slopes, steep descents, and narrow chutes. Climbing skins and a CHNSA trail map are recommended.

TRAIL ACCESS/EXIT POINTS (south to north)

1. Camels Hump Rd. – Huntington

ATTENTION: Parking is very restricted at both the Burrows and Forest City Trail Parking areas. Arrive very early or car pool as the lots fill up by 9:15am. Parking is not allowed on the road. Parking is available for car pooling at Brewster Pierce Elementary School located on Camel's Hump Road 1/4 mile from the intersection of Camel's Hump Rd. and Main Rd. in Huntington or at the lot behind the Huntington Fire Department.

From Beaudry's General Store in the village of Huntington, go 2.5 miles south on Main Road to Huntington Center. Turn left on Camel's Hump Road and go 2.7 miles from Huntington Center to the Forest City Trail Parking Area on the right side of Camel's Hump Road. From this parking lot, ski along the Forest City Trail about 0.2 miles to cross the Forest City Bridge over the Brush Brook. After crossing the bridge, continue 50 yards to the intersection of the Forest City Trail and the CT connector trail (marked with yellow side trail markers). The CT turns right off the FCT and then quickly to the left

up an old logging road. The connect side trail goes gently up 0.4 miles and meets the CT and start of Section 20. To go north on Section 20 turn left onto the CT and turn right to go south on Section 19.

Alternately, turn left on Camel's Hump Road and go 3.4 miles to the Camel's Hump Road Parking Area. This is the parking lot for the popular Burrows Trail which ascends Camel's Hump from the west and is likely to be full by early-morning. The CT may be accessed by hiking or skiing down a very steep 0.2 miles from this parking lot across the main branch of Brush Brook to the Forest City Trail (at "Three Bridges"). To head south toward Section 19 (and the Start of Section 20), turn right on the FCT and immediately look for the start of the CT on the left side of the Forest City Trail just past the Third Bridge over the southern branch of Brush Brook. To go north on Section 20, turn left on the FCT. The CT heads north from the northern side (Left side) of the Forest City Trail a very short distance (15 yards) up from Three Bridges.

The mid-section of Section 20 may be reached by skiing north from Fielder Road which branches north from Camel's Hump Road 1.9 miles from Huntington Center. To reach the CT look for side-trail markers heading into the woods about 75 yards along Fielder Road on the right. There is no parking at this access point except with permission of the landowner. Parking is available at Brewster Pierce Elementary School located on Camel's Hump Road 1/4 mile from the intersection of Camel's Hump Rd. and Main Rd. in Huntington or at the lot behind the Huntington Fire Department. A two-mile road walk up Camel's Hump Rd. is required to reach the Fielder Road trailhead.

2. Camel's Hump Skiers Association (CHNSA) - Huntington

From the Main Road in the village of Huntington, take East Street Uphill. Bear right at all forks until staying straight at the intersection with Taft Road. East Street becomes Bert White Road along the way. You will reach the top of Bert White Rd. 2.7 miles from Huntington. The CHNSA with a warming hut is on the left with a marked CT side trail leading 0.4 miles to the CT. The sign in the hut has maps of the trail system showing access to the CT. *Please pay the CHNSA trail fee.*

3. Honey Hollow Parking Area - Bolton

From Route 2 in Jonesville take Cochran Road across the Winooski River and immediately turn left (east) on Duxbury (River) Road. The Honey Hollow parking area is located 2.2 miles east on Duxbury Road, a short distance beyond (east) of Honey Hollow Road.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION (south to north):

From the intersection of the Forest City Connector Trail where Sections 20 starts 19 ends, turn left and the CT heads in a northeast direction climbs gradually about 200 feet in 0.6 miles and then descends 100 feet more steeply for 0.2 miles to the Forest City hiking trail. Turn right (east) on the Forest City trail and cross a bridge spanning the southern branch of Brush Brook. Continue on the Forest City trail a few feet past the intersection with the Burrows Trailhead and find the CT to the left (north).

From the Forest City Trail, the CT climbs 800 feet in 1.2 miles up the western side of Camel's Hump. It follows an old logging road through a northern hardwood forest and features a glimpse of Camel's Hump through the trees. The CT turns northwest at the intersection with the Camel's Hump Challenge trail. The Challenge Trail which circumnavigates Camel's Hump in a clockwise direction connects to the CHNSA trail system.

Heading northeast gradually uphill the Challenge Trail crosses the Burrows Hiking Trail in 0.2 miles and reaches the saddle between Camel's Hump and Bald Hill in another 0.3 miles. At 2800 feet this is one of the highest points along the CT. From here the combined trail continues to the northwest for 1.1 miles to an intersection with the CHNSA Saddle Trail.

BAIL OUT POINT: The Saddle Trail connects to the CHNSA parking lot with a 2.3 mile downhill run on groomed trails.

The coincident CT and Challenge Trail continue to descend another 0.4 miles to where the Challenge trail intersects the northern branch of its loop around Camel's Hump and then continues for another 0.7 miles to where the CT descends into Honey Hollow. The Challenge Trail descent from the Bald Hill saddle is mostly gradual but the terrain often slopes steeply to the north and east. Intersections with trails and old logging roads should be carefully navigated as a descent in the wrong drainage can leave you far from your parked car. Along the way there are several obvious glades descending northward toward the Winooski River.

The ungroomed Honey Hollow Trail descends through a series of chutes and traverses that end on a woods road. At the bottom of a long schuss, bear right and uphill through a gate on another logging road. Just beyond the top of the hill the road ends and the CT enters the woods. The Trail follows a gentle downhill descent northwest until merging into another logging road. Turn right (north) at this junction and enjoy a long, moderate, twisting descent to the Honey Hollow trailhead parking area on Duxbury Road maintained by VT FP&R.

NOTE: The CT does not cross the Winooski River. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS ON THE ICE. To continue north on the CT drive the approximately seven miles between the Honey Hollow Trailhead on the south side of the river and the CT trailhead on Rte. 2 on the north side of the river. From the Honey Hollow Trailhead parking area drive 2.2 miles west on Duxbury Rd. Turn right (north) on Cochran Rd. and cross the Winooski River on the Jonesville Bridge. Turn right (east) on Rte. 2 and drive to the start of Section 21 on your left. Alternatively, you can cross the Winooski River on the Long Trail foot bridge which is located about 1 mile west of the Honey Hollow Trailhead along Duxbury Road.

DISTANCE TO LANDMARKS

Northbound	Landmark	Mileage Southbound
0.0	Connector between Sections 19 & 20	9.4
0.9	Forest City Hiking Trail	8.5
2.0	Camel's Hump Challenge Trail	7.4
2.2	Burrows Hiking Trail	7.2
2.5	Bald Hill Height of Land	6.9
3.6	CHNSA Saddle Trail	5.8
4.1	Challenge Trail "Lollipop" Loop	5.3
4.8	Honey Hollow Height of Land	3.6
6.5	VT FP&R Gate	2.9
9.4	Duxbury Road	0.0

SIDE TRAILS AND LOOPS

The extensive network of groomed trails at the Camel's Hump Skiers' Association provides many opportunities for loops of various lengths, many of which offer beautiful views of Camel's Hump and the Huntington Valley. For more information on the CHNSA, visit their website www.camelshumpskiers.org where you can find a map and purchase a trail pass.

Side Trail from Camel's Hump Road to the CHNSA and the CT:

From the fork on Camel's Hump Road 1.9 miles up from Main Road, bear left and walk 75 yards up Fielder Road. You can find Fielder Farm (lodging) a short distance along. Look for CT side trail markers on the right heading into the woods. The Trail heads northeast up a short, steep hill through the woods and comes out to the edge of a large, fenced field. Keeping the fence on your left, ski around to the north side of the field where you can enjoy a beautiful panorama of the Huntington Valley. Above the field, the Trail turns right (north) and enters the woods. This stretch is relatively flat with a few short climbs and descents. Be sure to stay on the blazed CT side trail and do not venture onto any of the side trails here as you are on private property.

Farther along, on Vermont State land, there are several steep chutes that can be tricky in poor snow conditions. Just beyond a bridge constructed by UVM freshmen in 2005, the trail intersects the Camel's Hump Skiers Association groomed Dead River Run trail. Turn left on Dead River Run and ski downhill to the intersection with the Skunk Brook Trail (1.5). To reach Windekind Farm from the Dead River Run/Skunk Brook Trail intersection, continue straight (west) and ski down through the woods and across the field. To continue north, turn right and ski northwest on the Skunk Brook Trail.

From an intersection with the Cobble Hill Trail, either continue on the Skunk Brook Trail to find the CHNSA parking lot or turn right (north) on the Cobble Hill Trail to continue north to the CT. Climb up and over the cobble, enjoy the view. From the intersection of The Cobble Trail and Big Baldy, turn right (east) on Big Baldy. It is possible to follow Big Baldy and Saddle Road climbing east about 700 feet in 1.6 miles all the way to the CT. After approximately 0.1 miles the marked side trail turns left (north) into the woods onto an un-groomed stretch. Cross a small stream and climb east and north to reach Stage Coach near the Crow's Nest Yurt and Dark Star Cabin (lodging). Continue north along Stage Coach into the Huntington Town Forest and then into Camel's Hump State Park to the intersection with CT at the top of Honey Hollow (4.2).

NOTE: Due to limited parking on Camel's Hump Road, starting or ending a tour at this point can be challenging. A popular tour of this area begins at the end of plowing on Trapp Road. (Section 19) and can end at the Burrows Trailhead or the CHNSA parking area. This scenic and varied tour offers a combination of the steep climbs and challenging descents. See Section 19 for a route description between Trapp Road and the south end of Section 20 at a bridge.

SHUTTLE DIRECTIONS

Please use caution and common sense when using these directions. Some roads may not have signs. After a heavy snow it may be difficult to locate the trailhead or end-of-plowing. Your GPS will not replicate all of these routes and may direct you to a road that is not plowed, closed and impassable. When in doubt, follow someone familiar with the local area.

Look for blue blazes (Catamount Trail), yellow blazes (Catamount Trail Side Trail) or CT parking signs which may be present. If the road seems impassible, park and explore on foot. Always park clear of access roads and gates. Leave room for others to park including snowmobile trailers. Do not park in snowplow turnarounds.

The location of the Catamount Trail on these maps is approximate. Temporary reroutes are not displayed. Always visit the Catamount Trail Association website for the latest trail information and maps. www.catamounttrail.org

Drive to Camel's Hump Road (north to south)

1. From the Honey Hollow parking area (S20 access <3>), turn left on Duxbury Rd. and continue for 2.1 miles.
2. Turn left onto Cochran Rd. and drive 0.1 miles to Wes White Hill.
3. Take a left onto Wes White Hill Road, which turns into Pond Rd. after 3.1 miles. Pond Rd. then turns into Bridge St. after 1.4 miles. Continue on Bridge St. for 0.6 miles until reaching a Y-intersection.
4. Turn left onto East St., then take a slight right to merge onto Main Rd. Continue for 2.5 miles.
5. Turn left onto Camels Hump Rd. (S20 access point <1>) and drive 3.4 miles, bearing right at Taft and at Salvias Rds. Park at the Burrows Trailhead.

Drive to Honey Hollow Parking Area (south to north)

1. From the Camel's Hump Rd. parking area (S20 access <1>), drive southwest for 3.4 miles.
2. Turn right onto Main Rd. and continue for 2.5 miles.
3. Continue straight onto East St. then bear right onto Bridge St.
4. After 0.6 miles, Bridge St. becomes Pond Rd., then after 1.4 miles becomes Wes White Hill. Continue on Wes White Hill for 3.1 miles.
5. At the intersection, take a right onto Cochran Rd. and drive 0.1 miles.
6. Take a right onto Duxbury Rd. and continue for 2.1 miles. The Honey Hollow parking area (S20 access <3>) will be on your right.