



Section 26: Route 15 to Eden-Craftsbury Town Line

SNAPSHOT

This section is characterized by gently hilly terrain. The trail is predominantly an ungroomed backcountry trail, with short portions following abandoned snowmobile corridors.

LENGTH

12.3 miles (19.79 km)

DIFFICULTY

This section requires an intermediate level of technical skills. Most of the hills are wide and moderate in slope. A steep but wide-open hill 400 yards south of Sand Hill Road is good for telemark practice. Bailout points are available at Sand Hill Road, Stevens Lane/Garfield Road, and East Hill Road.

TRAIL ACCESS POINTS (south to north)

1. Route 15 Parking Area – Wolcott

From the junction of Route 15 and 15A in Morrisville, go east 3 miles on Route 15. Parking is available at Cleveland Cedar Products on the north side of Route 15, about 0.75 miles west of the Corley Road/North Wolcott Road crossing of Route 15. Please check in at the office before parking to be sure the car isn't in the way. If no one is in the office, park at the west side of the parking lot, keeping your vehicle parallel to Route 15. This will keep the center of the lot clear for truck deliveries. The CT crosses Route 15 seventy-five yards east of this parking lot. To ski north follow a driveway between the Wadel family farmhouse and the Mennonite Church.

2. Stevens Lane/Garfield Road – Hyde Park

From Route 14 in Craftsbury, head southwest on North Wolcott Road. After 0.7 miles, turn right (west) on Hatchbrook Road. Go about 3.4 miles and turn left (southwest) on Garfield Road. Go about 1.6 miles and turn right (north) on Stevens Lane. There is room for one or two cars to park in the first driveway on Stevens Lane. Avoid parking in front of the garage or blocking the rest of the driveway. If there is no room at Stevens Lane, continue about .4 miles southwest on Garfield Road and park at a pull-off on the right (west) side of the road.

Alternatively, from the intersection of Routes 15 and 15A in Morristown go 0.2 miles east on Route 15 and turn left (north) on Garfield Road. Go about 2.8 miles, then turn right (east) at an intersection, remaining on Garfield Road for another 2.5 miles. Turn left (north) on Stevens Lane.

3. Eden Mountain (East Hill) Road - Eden

If coming from Route 14 in Craftsbury, head southwest on Wild Branch/North Wolcott Road. After 0.45 miles, take the first right onto Collinsville Road. Go 1.4 miles north and turn left (west) onto Eden Mountain Road. Travel about 1 mile and park single file on one side of the road and not in the snowplow turn around. (As you go west from Craftsbury to Eden, Eden Mountain Road becomes East Hill Road.)

Alternatively, from the intersection of Routes 15 and 15A in Morristown go 3.9 miles east on Route 15 and turn left on North Wolcott Road. Take North Wolcott Road about 8 miles north, almost to Route 14 in Craftsbury. Turn left on Merrill Loop, then immediately left on Collinsville Road. Follow directions from Collinsville Road above.

NOTE: Parking for two or three cars is available along the side of East Hill Road near the CT spur trailhead. Ski 1.6 miles south to join the CT just north of Wiley Brook bridge.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION (south to north)

From **Route 15 (0.0)** the CT heads north on a driveway about seventy-five yards east of Cleveland Cedar Products and just east of a tall cedar hedge between the Mennonite Church and the Wadel family farmhouse. Ski north about 300 yards on the driveway and a farm road until reaching a gate.

From the gate, ski northeast uphill through evergreen woods, crossing a logging road. After the CT levels out, turn left (northwest) at a T-intersection with a VAST snowmobile trail and continue northwest when the VAST trail splits to the northeast. Emerge on the plowed portion of **Jones Lane (2.1)** for 0.2 miles until turning left (west) uphill into woods. Rejoin the VAST trail briefly, and then exit right (north) into woods and emerge in a field. For the best view on this section, detour 50 yards uphill to the right to the top of the field.

To continue north on the CT, ski northeast down a wide open telemark hill and across a stream. Ski to the left (west) of an abandoned schoolhouse and then north across a field toward a gate at the northeast corner of the field. Turn left (north) on unplowed Ledge Road. Rejoin the VAST trail that bears right (north) and then goes steeply downhill to a T-intersection with another VAST trail. Turn left (west-northwest), climb steeply, and then wind past a series of ponds to **Garfield Road (5.0)**.

Cross Garfield Road onto Stevens Lane. Veer left (west) across an open field to an intersection with Patnoe Farm Road. Follow Patnoe Farm Road briefly, bearing right (north) on an old logging road at a small shed. Continue downhill to Green River Reservoir and then past a large beaver pond until you reach the **VAST trail (6.2)**. Head left on the VAST trail and follow it north. At the next VAST fork continue to your right (northeast). Continue skiing north on the VAST trail to just past the **Wiley Brook Bridge (9.5)**.

BAIL OUT POINT: *A spur (exit) trail continues 1.6 miles straight ahead (north), ending at East Hill (Eden Mountain) Road.*

To continue northbound on the CT, turn right (east) off the old snowmobile trail about 75 yards north of the Wiley Brook Bridge. Climb gradually through the woods for 0.4 miles to where the woods open onto a wetland. Turn right (south) to skirt the wetland and go 0.2 miles, crossing a stream, to join a logging trace. Follow the logging trace east-southeast for 0.5 miles, first on the level and then gently downhill, until the slope bottoms out. Keep heading roughly east another 0.3 miles to the crest of a ridge.

Ski down off the ridge to the left (east then northeast) through the woods for about 0.8 miles. emerging briefly into a field. Follow the right (east) edge of the field about 150 yards, then turn right (east) into woods, winding northeasterly for about 0.6 miles, emerging first onto a new logging road then a **large field (12.3)**. Travel north across the field to the town line parking lot on Eden Mountain Road.

DISTANCE TO LANDMARKS

Mileage Northbound	Landmark	Mileage Southbound	SIDE
0.0	Route 15	12.3	
2.1	Jones Lane	10.2	
5.0	Garfield Road	7.3	
6.2	VAST Trail	6.1	
9.5	Wiley Brook Bridge	2.8	
12.3	Large Field	0.0	

TRAILS AND LOOPS

A 1.6-mile spur trail from Eden Mountain Road provides access to the CT at Wiley Brook.

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 Route 15 (north to south)

1. From the parking area at 1295 Eden Mountain Road (S26 access <3>), go east on Eden Mountain Road for 1.2 miles.
2. Bear right on Collinsville Road for 1.5 miles.
3. Turn right on Wild Branch Road, which eventually turns to North Wolcott Road, and continue for 8.1 miles to Route 15.
4. Turn right on Route 15 and go 0.8 miles to Cleveland Products (S26 access <1>) on the right side of the road.

Drive to Eden Mountain Road (south to north)

1. From the Cleveland Cedar Products parking lot on Route 15 (S26 access <1>), take a left to head south for 0.8 miles.
2. Turn left onto North Wolcott Road, which becomes Wild Branch Road, and continue for 8.1 miles.
3. Take a left onto Collinsville Road and drive 1.5 miles. Bear right onto Eden Mountain Road and continue for 1.2 miles. Park single file on one side of the road and not in the snowplow turn around (S26 access <3>).