



Section 27:

Eden/Craftsbury Town Line to Craftsbury Outdoor Center

SNAPSHOT

This section offers a combination of gentle, rolling, ungroomed terrain through the woods, and the groomed trails of the Craftsbury Outdoor Center. A short stretch between Route 14 and Craftsbury Common is shared with snowmobiles.

LENGTH

7.4 miles (11.91 km)

DIFFICULTY

This section requires an intermediate level of technical skills. The ungroomed portion of the trail is narrow but the slopes are gentle. The snow on the short stretch shared with snowmobiles is groomed and well packed. The Craftsbury Outdoor Center trail network is well groomed throughout the ski season.

DIRECTIONS TO TRAILHEADS (south to north)

1. East Hill (Eden Mountain) 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.

2. North Craftsbury Road – Craftsbury

From Route 14 in Craftsbury follow the signs to Craftsbury Common. A big parking lot is maintained by the town on the east side of North Craftsbury Road in the village of Craftsbury Common adjacent to the CT.

3. Craftsbury Outdoor Center - Craftsbury

From the Craftsbury Common green, go north on North Craftsbury Road, and then continue straight to stay on Wylie Hill Road. Immediately turn right on Mill Village Road and follow it for about a mile. Turn right onto Lost Nation road and go 0.5 miles to the Nordic Center.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION (south to north)

NOTE: Please remember to check in at Craftsbury Outdoor Center and purchase a trail pass if you are utilizing the CT within their trail system. CTA members receive a coupon for a discounted trail pass in their Membership Rewards Book.

From the town line parking lot on Eden Mountain Road, travel approximately 200 to 300 yards southeast across the western edge of the **field (0.0)** to intersect the CT. Continue southeast and ski about 0.7 miles along the edge of the field, then back into the woods on a major logging road to a log landing.

Turn left (east-southeast) and follow a smaller logging road, then a trail, for about 0.8 miles. The trail emerges on a sugar road. Turn right (south) to go downhill and follow the sugar road around a long curve about 0.7 miles to the northeast. Stay due north to ski upstream along the west bank of the Wild Branch River. Cross a wooden bridge over the River and emerge in a field. Ski uphill (southeast) 0.2 miles to a telephone pole just north of a brown building on **Collinsville Road (2.2)**.

Go straight east across Collinsville Road and uphill through an overgrown pasture for about 0.2 miles. Turn right (southeast) and climb gently along an old roadbed. The trail then descends gently across a field to enter thick woods, just after crossing a VAST trail and some wet seeps.

Continue southeast in the woods for about 0.1 miles before turning left to follow the power line right of way over the crest of a hill to the east. Continue downhill alongside a blueberry orchard and take a hard right to swing south of the house and pond. Cross **Coburn Hill Road (3.0)** under the same power line into a pasture. Watch out for saplings and barbed-wire fences as you descend along the southern edge of the pastures to **VT Route 14 (3.6)**.

Cross Route 14, skiing east along the side of Post Road. Cross to the field on the south side of the road at a bridge over the Black River, where the CT joins a VAST trail. About 300 yards east of the Black River, the CT climbs southeast uphill through woods. Continue straight on the CT when Craftsbury Outdoor Center (COC) trail 6e exits to the right (south). Climb steeply southeast, then east through woods.

Exit the VAST trail to the right (east) and continue uphill through a farm field, crossing a wire fence and staying north of a nearby house to North Craftsbury Road at **Craftsbury Common (4.9)**.

BAIL OUT POINT *The town maintained parking lot provides an intermediate bail out point.*

Cross North Craftsbury Road and ski east across athletic fields to a junction with groomed Craftsbury Outdoor Center Trail 6. Follow trails 6, 6c, and 6, to the **Craftsbury Outdoor Center (7.4)**. Be sure to check in at the Nordic center to pick up a map and pay the appropriate trail fee.

DISTANCE TO LANDMARKS

Mileage Northbound	Landmark	Mileage Southbound
0.0	Field near Eden Mountain Parking Lot	10.1
2.2	Collinsville Road	9.3
3.0	Coburn Hill Road	8.6
3.6	Route 14	7.0
4.9	Craftsbury Common	6.25
7.4	Craftsbury Outdoor Center	5.3

SIDE TRAILS AND LOOPS

The Craftsbury Outdoor Center maintains one of the finest groomed Nordic ski networks in the east, providing the opportunity for many loops and side trail excursions. Snow is very reliable here so many ski events are scheduled throughout the winter. Be sure to check in at the nordic center and purchase a trail pass if you choose

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 Eden Mountain Road (south to north)

1. From the Craftsbury Outdoor Center (S27 access <3>) go west (left) 0.5 miles to Mill Village Rd.
2. Turn left on Mill Village Rd. and follow it for about 1.1 miles (there is a pronounced right bend at 0.7 miles) to Wylie Hill Rd.
3. Turn Left on Wylie Hill Rd. for a few feet and then right on Post Rd. Extension. Follow Post Rd. Extension for 1.4 miles to Rte. 14.
4. Turn left on Rte. 14 and go 0.4 miles.
5. Turn right onto Wild Branch Rd. and go 0.4 miles, then bear right on Collinsville Rd. and continue for 1.5 miles.
6. Bear left onto Eden Mountain Rd. In 1.2 miles at 1295 Eden Mountain Rd. (S27 access <1>) you will see a small snowplow turnaround on the left. Park single file on one side of the road and not in the snowplow turn around.

Drive to Craftsbury Outdoor Center (north to south)

1. From the parking area at 1295 Eden Mountain Rd. (S27 access <1>), head east for 1.2 miles.
2. Take a slight right onto Collinsville Rd. and continue for 1.5 miles, then turn left onto Wild Branch Rd. and go 0.4 miles.
3. Turn left onto Rte. 14 and go 0.4 miles.
4. Turn right onto Post Rd. and go 1.2 miles, then take a slight left onto Wylie Hill Rd.
5. Take an immediate right onto Mill Village Rd. and continue for 1.1 miles.
6. Turn right onto Lost Nation Rd. and go 0.5 miles to the Craftsbury Outdoor Center (S27 access <3>).