



## Section 5: Kelley Stand Road to Kendall Farm Road

### SNAPSHOT

This section is pleasant and very scenic. It is primarily back-country, lies completely within the Green Mountain National Forest, and leads to beautiful Stratton Pond, where there is a shelter for overnight camping, and to Little Pond, another pristine, isolated area.

Located near the southeast end of Stratton Pond, the Stratton Pond shelter is a popular winter overnight camping spot. There are no reservations, so camping is on a first-come, first-served basis. It is a large three-sided shelter. Bring water and your own stove as wood fires are prohibited. Be prepared to share the shelter with other visitors.

### LENGTH

10.4 miles (16.74km)

### DIFFICULTY

This is an intermediate section, with gently undulating terrain. There is one long and steep (but wide) downhill run on an old logging road to Kendall Farm Road. This can be avoided by detouring onto the I.P. Road (a snowmobile corridor), adding 2 miles to the overall length of this section.

### DIRECTIONS TO TRAILHEADS (south to north)

#### 1. Kelley Stand Road - Stratton

From Route 100 in West Wardsboro, go west on the Stratton/Arlington Road. The road eventually turns into Kelley Stand Road. After about six miles (across from Grout Pond Road on your left) the Kelley Stand Road parking area is on your right. You can also proceed by car 0.6 miles to the AT/LT parking lot and VAST trail intersection.

#### 2. Stratton Mountain Resort – Stratton

On the Stratton Mountain Access Road starting at Route 30 in downtown Bondville, go south towards Stratton Mountain Resort. Turn right on North Brookwood Road and ascend the steep winding road to its end at a T. Turn left on West Ridge Road to a cul-de-sac. From the end of the cul-de-sac, ski into the CT approximately 0.6 miles on an old logging road.

*NOTE: There is no parking available at this location, so you must arrange a drop-off and/or pick-up if you plan to use the access point.*

#### 3. Kendall Farm Road - Winhall

From the Route 11/Route 30 intersection near Bromley Mountain, go approximately 6.5 miles south on Route 30 and turn right (south) on Kendall Farm Road. From Bondville, travel 1 mile north on Route 30

and turn left (south) on Kendall Farm Road. Travel 2.2 miles on Kendall Farm Road to the end of plowing.

#### **ROUTE DESCRIPTION (south to north)**

Ski uphill (west) on **Kelley Stand Road (0.0)** – a snowmobile trail during the winter– and past the **AT/LT parking lot (0.6)**. At the point where the hill levels off, turn right (north) onto an **old logging road (0.8)**, leaving Kelley Stand Road and the snowmobile trail.

Follow the logging road to a **fork (1.7)** and bear left. The CT continues following a wide logging road and comes to an intersection with the **Stratton Pond Trail (2.8)**, marked with blue paint. Do not continue straight at this intersection.

The CT turns right on the Stratton Pond Trail and follows it 1 mile to an intersection with a feeder trail to the **Appalachian Trail/Long Trail (4.0)**, which it joins. If you want to stop at the Stratton Pond Shelter, it is about 0.1 mile uphill to the right (south).

Continuing northbound on the LT/CT, the **CT then leaves the LT (4.2)**, turning northeast (right) and heading uphill on a winding logging road. The logging road traverses a wooded hillside, gradually turning east, and then descends to a **stream crossing (5.0)** on a bridge.

After passing two beaver ponds, one with another bridge, the CT ascends a hill, where it intersects the International Paper Road ("**I.P. Road**") (**6.4**). This is a wide, well-maintained logging road and high-use snowmobile trail. Cross the I.P. Road and bear right onto the logging road, which is now also a secondary snowmobile trail. Continue for about 0.3 miles to a junction.

**BAIL OUT POINT:** *To leave the CT at Stratton Mountain Resort, continue east on this logging road for about 0.6 miles to West Ridge Road.*

To continue north on the CT, bear left (northeast) on the CT and secondary snowmobile trail. Just before the trail starts to descend steeply, turn **left (northwest) off the snowmobile trail (7.2)**.

After a quarter mile, turn left to rejoin an old logging road, and then after another quarter mile, right to skirt the east end of Little Pond. There is a yellow-blazed side trail to Little Pond, which is a remote and scenic spot to take a rest or enjoy a snack. About 0.6 miles beyond Little Pond, the CT descends gently to intersect the **Pony Hill Trail (8.9)**. The Pony Hill Trail provides a steep, wide descent to the Winhall River and Kendall Farm Road, but four optional switchbacks flatten out the route.

*NOTE: For an even gentler descent, turn left at the intersection and, after about 0.2 miles, turn right to join the I.P. Road northbound. After about 3.5 miles this wide VAST corridor will bring you back to the CT where it crosses the Winhall River. This adds approximately 2 miles to the route.*

To continue north on the CT, turn right (northeast) at the intersection with the Pony Hill Trail and descend steeply 1.2 miles to intersect a secondary snowmobile trail. Turn left (north) onto that trail and go a short distance to a vehicle bridge across the Winhall River. The I.P. Road comes in from the left here. Continue north over the vehicle bridge, reaching the end of the plowed section of **Kendall Farm Road (10.4)** and the parking area after about 100 yards. From here Section 6 begins about 300 yards to the right (east).

### **DISTANCE TO LANDMARKS**

<b>Mileage Northbound</b>	<b>Landmark</b>	<b>Mileage Southbound</b>
0.0	Kelley Stand Road Parking	10.4
0.6	LT/AT Parking Lot	9.8
0.8	Old Logging Road	9.6
1.7	Fork in trail	8.7
2.8	Stratton Pond Trail	7.6
4.0	Long Trail/CT Junction	6.4
4.2	CT Leaves Long Trail	6.2
5.0	Stream Crossing	5.4
6.4	I.P. Road	4.0
7.2	Left off snowmobile trail	3.2
8.9	Pony Hill Trail	1.5
10.4	Kendall Farm Road	0.0

### **SIDE TRAILS AND LOOPS**

There are several options for side trails in this section. The loop around Stratton Pond is approximately two miles long.

The I.P. Road – Pony Hill Trail Loop is about five miles long, with about 3.5 miles shared with snowmobiles.

The I.P. Road – Little Pond Loop is about 4.5 miles long, with approximately two miles on a snowmobile corridor and about 0.7 miles on a secondary snowmobile trail. Instead of turning left off the snowmobile trail at 7.2 miles northbound, you can continue downhill on this trail, known as Dead Horse Hill Road, to the bottom of Pony Hill and rejoin the CT just south of the vehicle bridge over the Winhall River. This route could be icy if packed by snowmobiles but is shorter than going around Little Pond and down Pony Hill, and it is a possible uphill alternative going southbound.

## **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](http://www.catamounttrail.org)

### **Drive to Kelley Stand Road (north to south)**

1. From 2165 Kendall Farm Rd. in Bondville (S5 access point <3>), drive east 2.1 miles.
2. Turn right on Rte. 30 and drive 1.2 miles.
3. Turn right on Stratton Mountain Access Rd. and drive 4.8 miles (go through the ski area).
4. Turn right on Mountain Rd. and drive 4.4 miles.
5. Turn right on West Jamaica Rd. and drive 2.2 miles.
6. Turn right on Stratton-Arlington Rd. in West Wardsboro (Stratton) and drive about 3.4 miles to #2165 and the end of plowing (S5 access point <1>).

### **Drive to Kendall Farm Road (south to north)**

1. From 2083 Stratton-Arlington Rd. in West Wardsboro (S5 access point <1>) travel east 3.4 miles.
2. Turn left on West Jamaica Rd. and drive 2.2 miles.
3. Turn left on Mountain Rd. and drive 4.4 miles.
4. Turn left on Stratton Mountain Access Rd. and drive 4.8 miles.
5. Turn left on Rte. 30 and drive 1.2 miles.
6. Turn left on Kendall Farm Rd. in Bondville and drive 2.1 miles to the end of plowing (S5 access point <3>).