



## Section 8: Danby-Mt. Tabor to Greendale Road

### SNAPSHOT

Mostly backcountry with 2 mile-long sections that are shared with snowmobile trails, this section of the CT runs through a lovely part of the Green Mountain National Forest, and ends with a long downhill run on Jenny Coolidge Road. A bridge on FR 321, 0.5 miles east of Danby-Mt. Tabor Road, was constructed in July 2010 by the Green Mountain National Forest and Vermont Youth Conservation Corps.

### LENGTH

9.7 miles (15.61km)

### DIFFICULTY

This is mostly moderate terrain, but the trail is tight and windy. There are numerous short, steep sections that require intermediate ski skills. The portions of the trail that are shared with snowmobiles are easily accessible and perfect for novice backcountry skiers. There are several ways to shorten your ski day, or side loops to extend it.

### DIRECTIONS TO TRAILHEADS (south to north)

#### 1. Danby-Mt. Tabor Road (FR 10) - Peru

From the Landgrove Inn in the village of Landgrove, head north on Landgrove-Weston Road for 0.2 miles. Turn left on Little Michigan Road and go 0.4 miles to Danby-Mt. Tabor Road (FR 10). Turn right and go 0.2 miles to the end of plowing. Park along the road, not in the snowplow turnaround.

#### 2. Moses Pond Road (FR 29) - Weston

From the village of Weston, take the Landgrove-Weston Road approximately 0.3 miles, then bear right on Lawrence Hill Road. Go approximately 0.5 miles, and then bear left on Moses Pond Road. Park at the end of plowing and ski in approximately 2 miles on the unplowed portion of the road to join the CT on the Moses Pond Trail.

#### 3. Greendale Winter Parking Area - Weston

Take the Greendale Road off Route 100, 1.9 miles north of Weston or 1.6 miles south of the Route 100/155 intersection. Travel approximately 2 miles north to 496 Greendale Road (FR 18) to the parking area that is immediately past a small bridge.

### ROUTE DESCRIPTION (south to north)

From the Danby-Mt. Tabor Road (FR 10) **snowplow turn-around (0.0)**, ski up the unplowed road to the **Utley Brook Trail entrance (0.2)** on the left. This trail parallels FR 10 for a while on fairly level

terrain, and then begins an uphill climb through mature hardwoods to an intersection with the **Little Michigan Trail (1.3)**.

Continue on the Utley Brook Trail with varied elevation changes to intersect again with **Danby-Mt. Tabor Road (FR 10) (3.3)**. Turn left (north) onto FR 10 and ski north until you reach **FR 321 (4.5)**.

*NOTE: Since the Utley Brook Trail can be moderately difficult, especially if the snow conditions are poor, you can choose to take an alternate route. Instead of turning onto the Utley Brook Trail, ski north on FR 10 for a distance of approximately 4 miles to reach the right turn onto FR 321.*

Turn right (east) on FR 321. About 0.5 miles east of the Danby-Mt. Tabor Road (FR 10), cross a stream via a bridge. FR 321 is a relatively wide, old logging road meandering northeast for about 0.4 miles. Here the CT joins FR 367, which is also a groomed snowmobile trail, and turns southeast for another 0.3 miles.

At this intersection, turn left (east) onto the **Moses Pond Trail (FR 365) (5.9)**. Head east and north following this trail as it climbs considerably, eventually joining a section of the **Root Beer Ridge Trail (6.5)**. You will traverse the south side of Moses Pond, which can be seen through the trees on your left. The trail then drops down to intersect at a right angle with **Moses Pond Road (FR 29) (7.8)**.

Turn left (west) onto Moses Pond Road, which immediately turns right (north) and becomes FR 17A. After 0.6 miles of a downhill run with glorious mountain views, FR 17A meets the **Jenny Coolidge Brook Trail (FR 17) (8.5)** at a T junction. Turn right (southeast) onto this trail and enjoy a downhill ski along Jenny Coolidge Brook to the **Greendale Winter Parking Area (9.7)**.

#### **DISTANCE TO LANDMARKS**

<b>Mileage Northbound</b>	<b>Landmark</b>	<b>Mileage Southbound</b>
0.0	FR 10 snowplow turnaround	9.7
0.2	Utley Brook Trail	9.5
1.3	Little Michigan Trail	8.4
3.3	Danby-Mt. Tabor Road (FR 10)	6.4
4.5	FR 321	5.2
5.9	Moses Pond Trail (FR 365)	3.8
6.5	Root Beer Ridge Trail	3.2
7.8	Moses Pond Road (FR 29)	1.9

8.5	Jenny Coolidge Brook Trail (FR 17)	1.2
9.7	Greendale Winter Parking Area	0.0

## **SIDE TRAILS AND LOOPS**

The Mountain Valley Trails Association (MVTA) maintains an extensive network of cross- country ski trails in this part of the GMNF, making it possible to ski a variety of loops. For information and a trail map, visit <https://www.mountainvalleytrails.club/>.

## **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 Danby-Mt. Tabor Road (north to south)**

1. From 496 Greendale Rd. in Weston (S8 access <4>) go south 2 miles.
2. Turn right on Rte. 100 and go 1.9 miles.
3. Turn right Lawrence Hill Rd. and go 0.3 miles.
4. Turn left on Landgrove Rd. and go 4.0 miles.
5. Turn right on Little Michigan Rd. and go 0.4 miles.
6. Turn right on Danby-Mt. Tabor Rd. in Peru (S8 access <1>) and go 0.2 miles to #64.

### **Drive to Greendale Road Parking Area (south to north)**

1. From 64 Danby Mt. Tabor Rd. in Peru (S8 access <1>) go south 0.2 miles.
2. Turn left on Little Michigan Rd. and go 0.4 miles.
3. Turn left on Landgrove Rd. and go 4.0 miles.
4. Turn left on Lawrence Hill Rd. and go 0.3 miles.
5. Turn left on Rte. 100 and go 1.9 miles.
6. Turn left on Greendale Rd. in Weston (S8 access <4>) and drive 2 miles to the parking area at #496.