



## Section 9: Greendale Road to Healdville

### SNAPSHOT

This section passes primarily through state and national forest land, much of it on groomed snowmobile trails. Caution should be taken when traveling this route, especially on weekends when snowmobile traffic tends to be heaviest.

### LENGTH

12.6 miles (20.28 km)

### DIFFICULTY

This section is intermediate with several difficult sections. Just south of Route 155 there are steep slopes and sharp turns that are shared with snowmobiles. Under icy conditions these steep sections require skins or expert ski skills.

### TRAIL ACCESS POINTS (south to north)

#### 1. 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.

#### 2. Route 155 - Mt. Holly

The CT (on VAST Corridor #7) crosses Route 155 approximately 3.5 miles northwest of the Route 100/155 intersection in Weston. Snowplows often clear a space large enough for a few cars to park on the north side of the road.

#### 3. Healdville - Mt. Holly

From the Route 103/100 intersection (northwest of Ludlow) take Route 103 northwest for 2.7 miles. Turn left (south) onto Station Road (at Wright Construction). Follow Station Road for 0.7 miles to the railroad tracks. Cross the tracks and park, leaving room for snowmobiles. Parking is limited to a few cars. At the east (far) end of the parking lot, the CT (south bound) and the blue-blazed Healdville Hiking Trail head east together into the woods. If the road is plowed up to the closed bridge to your right, several cars can be stationed along the edge of the road.

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

Head north from the **Greendale Winter Parking Area (0.0)** on FR 18. Approximately 0.2 miles past Greendale Camping Area (on left), go through an open gate, cross a bridge, and ascend north-northeast up an old logging road to a junction with **VAST Corridor #7 (2.5)**. The CT shares the VAST Corridor #7 until the last two miles of this section.

Turn right (east) on the snowmobile trail and follow it to **Route 155 (5.7)**. The final descent to Route 155 is steep and twisty, so take caution.

Turn left (northwest) on Route 155, and walk along the road approximately 0.1 mile to Government Road (on the north side of Route 155). This is an access road to Okemo State Forest, but is unmarked.

**BAIL OUT POINT:** *Instead of skiing onto the access road, continue the roadwalk just past Government Road for an intermediate bail out point. Snowplows often clear enough space on the north side of Route 155 for a few cars to park.*

To continue northbound, ski east on the access road. After 0.75 miles, VAST Corridor #7 rejoins the access road and the CT from the left. Follow VAST #7 north on a rolling traverse of the backside of Ludlow Mountain. Just as the descent begins, look for CT blazes and arrows directing you eastward on a continued traverse of the northwest side of Ludlow Mountain.

After crossing a ravine and the Healdville hiking trail (blue painted blazes) the trail descends through switchbacks. Two short sections are shared with the hiking trail.

The trail reaches the hiking trailhead and Station parking lot (unplowed), rejoins VAST Corridor #7, and descends to **Healdville (12.6)**.

### **DISTANCE TO LANDMARKS**

<b>Mileage Northbound</b>	<b>Landmark</b>	<b>Mileage Southbound</b>
0.0	Greendale Winter Parking Area	12.6
2.5	VAST Corridor #7 Junction	10.1
5.7	Route 155	6.9
12.6	Healdville	0.0

### **SIDE TRAILS AND LOOPS**

No side trails or loops are present on this section.

## **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 Greendale Winter Parking Area (north to south)**

1. From the Healdville parking area (S9 access <3>) go north on Station Rd. for 0.7 miles.
2. Turn left on Rte. 103 and go 0.6 miles.
3. Turn right onto Healdville Rd. and go 2.4 miles. At the intersection with Hedgehog Hill Rd. stay right to continue on Healdville Rd. for another 1.3 miles.
4. Take a slight left onto Church St. and drive 0.2 miles
5. Turn left onto Maple Hill Rd. and continue for 1.4 miles.
6. Take a left onto Rte. 155 and drive 5.2 miles to the intersection with Rte. 100, then continue straight on Rte. 100 for another 1.5 miles.
7. Turn right onto Greendale Rd. in Weston (S9 access <1>), drive 2.0 miles to the parking area at #496.

### **Drive to Healdville (south to north)**

1. From 496 Greendale Rd. in Weston (S9 access <1>), drive 2.0 miles to Rte. 100.
2. Turn left on Rte. 100 for 1.5 miles, then continue straight onto Rte. 155 for another 5.2 miles at the Rte. 100/155 intersection.
3. Turn right onto Maple Hill Rd. and continue for 1.4 miles.
4. Turn right onto Church St. for 0.2 miles.
5. Bear right onto Healdville Rd. for 1.3 miles, then stay left at the intersection with Hedgehog Hill Rd. to continue on Healdville Rd. for another 2.4 miles.
6. Turn right onto Rte. 103 and go 0.6 miles. The Healdville parking area (S9 access <3>) is just past the railroad tracks.