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A Complete Long Trail Guidebook Rick "Attroll" Towle



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Common reoccurring Long Trail questions

What is the Long Trail?

The Long Trail is a hiking trail located in Vermont, running the length of the state. It is the oldest long-distance trail in the United States, constructed between 1910 and 1930 by the Green Mountain Club.

How long is the Long Trail?

The trail measured 272.0 miles in 2022. The total length can vary slightly each year, depending any necessary trail re-routes.

How long does it take to thru-hike the entire trail?

The average is 3-4 weeks. Experienced hikers take less time. Most people calculate in zero days (days off) and nero days (with very short mileage days).

What is a thru-hiker?

A thru hiker is someone who is attempting to complete the entire Trail in one calendar year. It does not have to be in one continuous direction, just complete the whole trail. The GMC calls them End-To-Enders.

How much does a thru-hike cost?

The average cost to hike the entire Long Trail as a thru-hike is approximately \$800-\$1,000. This is based on going into a trail town to resupply. It does not include spending the night every 50 miles for lodging. This is an average. This does not include your prior purchased gear.

When and what direction should you thru-hike?

This is personal preference. Most hikers hike from south to north (NOBO).

Fall is a good time to hike the Long Trail because you can avoid the heavy black flies, mosquitoes, and the mud should not be as bad.

If you're starting real late in the fall you may want to consider north to south to avoid snowfall that may happen in the northern section.

Where do thru-hikers stay at night?

Most hikers stay at the many lean-to's, shelters, lodges, and tent sites along the trail. There is always a lean-to, shelter, lodge, or a tent site within a day's walk.

How easy it is to get to a town?

In this guidebook, the access points to get to trail towns are marked at road crossings, along with the distance to them. It is usually fairly easy to hitch a ride when people see you are backpacking.

Where do thru-hikers get food and other supplies?

They obtain them from trail-town grocery stores, and other suppliers. Another option is to send pre-prepared packages as a series of mail-drops to post offices, and other establishments situated in, or near, towns along the trail. Many hikers do this to ensure that they will have sufficient supplies to reach the next town. See "Mail-drop information" in this guide.

They say there are bears?

There is no need to fear bears as long as you keep your eyes open and stay clear, if you should happen to encounter one. The best thing a hiker can do is protect their food by hanging it, use bear bags, bear canisters, or securing it in bear boxes, when they are available.

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See notes and establishments listed below this entry. Source of drinking water. Water is always listed first Seasonal water source, not always reliable (unreliable)

Intersection, junction, side trail, connecting trail or adjoining trail.

{x} LT Shelter, Lean-to, or Lodge and (capacity) Å

{x} Tent sites, may sometimes be listed with (capacity) or tent platforms

Possibilities for hammocks available. In some cases you may have to expand up to 100 feet beyond the area to find trees but you can hang. Availability of hanging also depends on the growth of the underbrush. When using a hammock, please use LNT procedures.

 \mathbb{Q} Privy

Bear cables or bear box available for food bags

全 • • • Cell phone signal strength, based on a nice clear day.

Power line, pipe line or electrical wires

Summit or crest

<> Direction and miles to next shelter South or North. This does not include the mileage distance the shelter is off the trail.

Views, overlooks or photo opportunities Lookout, fire tower or observation tower Ā Footbridge, or any other bridge

Road

Gravel or dirt roads, logging roads, wood roads, USFS roads, forest roads, fire roads, or any other non-5 paved roads

B Waterfalls

Attractions, important or historical features, other photo opportunities

P {x} Parking. Vehicle capacity, and fee inside parenthesis. If there is a fee there will be a "\$". Coordinates should get you within eyesight of parking area. Always check ahead for parking safety. **\$**

Overnight/caretaker fee. On town maps it represents a bank.

Warnings or things that you need to be aware of [] GPS coordinates are listed inside of descriptions Railroad crossing, tracks

\$41.51HG **₹** Swimming possibilities Picnic Table or picnic area ᄌ Trash can usually available Boating or boats available for use <u>Ľ</u> Ĥ Hostel Lodging. Prices may not include tax.

Post Office =" Mail drop location \bowtie **Email address** M Vet or Kennel Pet Friendly

No Pets/Not Pet Friendly Ť Work For Stay (WFS) \$ Fuel for stove <u>ځ</u> Laundry

Computer available for use WiFi available WiFi

٥ Shower available Slackpacking may be available Shuttle, bus, or taxi

Insured shuttle provider

Bank/ATM

Long term resupply (enough food to get to next resupply point)

Short term resupply (snack, odds & ends) X Anywhere that serves food for a fee ^?^ I need your help finding these coordinates. Please use the following link to help:

Pay phone or public phone

Outfitter

Charging station for phone and accessories

▼ Ice cream * Hardware store † Public Restroom **☑** Pharmacy **≫** Barber

① Information Area

▼ Purchase or serves alcohol

First Aid, doctor, hospital or urgent care

Movie Theater Not categorized ★ Airport or airfield

Bus or bus station Train or train station

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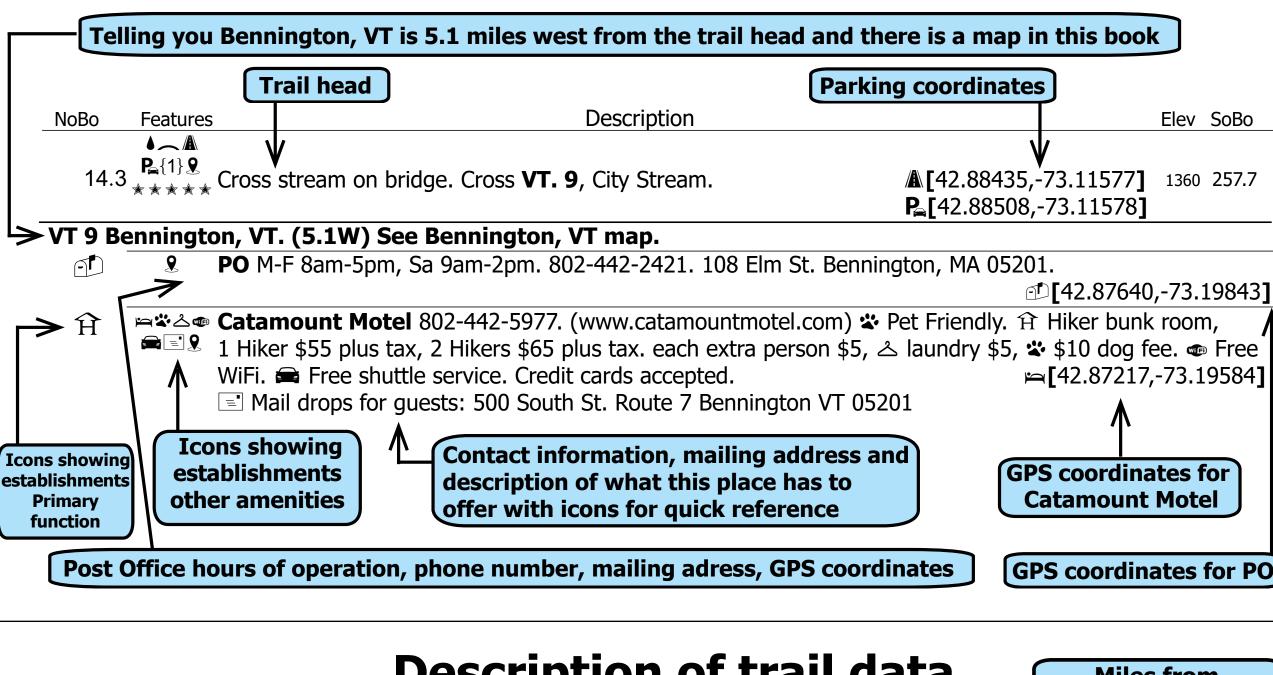
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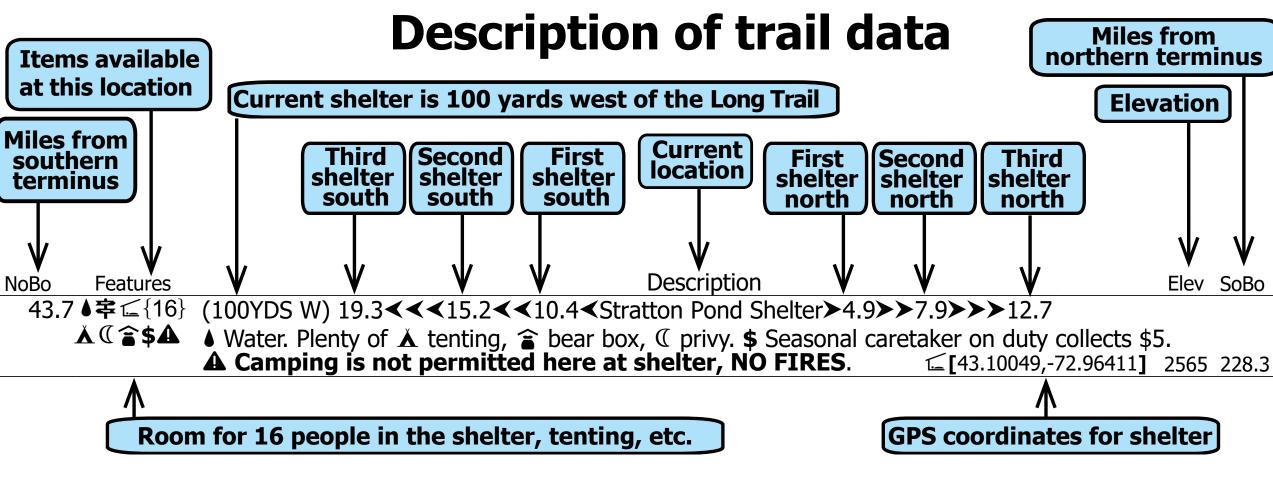
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Getting to the southern terminus

Getting to Pittsfield, MA. and on to the southern terminus

Take Amtrak to Pittsfield, MA

Final ride:

Take the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority Bus to North Adams, MA.

(www.berkshirerta.com/plan-your-trip/route-1-schedule/#outbound-weekday)

(www.berkshirerta.com/plan-your-trip/route-1-schedule/#outbound-saturday).

Getting to New York City, NY. and on to the southern terminus Options:

- Take a plane into JFK or LaGuradia International Airports.
- Take Amtrak into Penn Station.
- Take Greyhound Bus Lines to the Port Authority Bus Terminal.

Continue...

Take the Airporter Shuttle service to the Port Authority Bus Terminal.

(www.airportshuttles.com/newyork.php)

Final ride:

Take the Peter Pan Bus Line to Williamstown, MA.

(www.peterpanbus.com/locations/massachusetts/williamstown).

Directions by car to Appalachain trailhead at MA-2:

Coming from east or west on MA-2.

In North Adams at the MA-2 and Phelps Ave intersection (traffic light), head west on MA-2 for (0.14W), look for the AT Parking lot on the north side of the road.

This is where you will start your walk to the AT trail head, heading north.

P[42.69900,73.15350]

Note: There is no place closer to get dropped off.

Directrions by car to Pine Cobble trailhead:

Coming from east or west on MA-2.

In Williamstown on MA-2, look for Cole Ave. on the north side of the road (traffic light).

Once on Cole Ave. for (0.75), you will cross a bridge over the Hoosic River and railroad tracks just before North Hoosac Rd.

Turn right on N. Hoosac and drice for (0.4) and then left on Pine Cobble Road.

Drive up Pine Cobble Road for (0.16), a the small parking lot will be on your left. The trailhead is across the road. \cite{R} [42.71619,-73.18526]

Directions by car to Appalachain trailhead at MA 2:

Coming from east or west on Route 2.

In North Adams at the Route 2 and Phelps Ave intersection (traffic light), head west on Route 2 for (0.14W), look for the AT Parking lot on the north side of the road.

This is where you will start your walk to the AT trail head, heading north.

Note: There is no place closer to get dropped off.

Directrions by car to Pine Cobble trailhead:

Coming from east or west on Route 2.

In Williamstown on Route 2, look for Cole Ave. on the north side of the road (traffic light).

Once on Cole Ave. for (0.75), you will cross a bridge over the Hoosic River and railroad tracks just before North Hoosac Rd.

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Parking options for the southern terminus

There are a few options for parking at the Southern Terminus of the trail. Call ahead to make there is space is available and pricing. Always call ahead to make

arrangements.

- ► Williamstown Motel 413-458-5202 or 413-458-9371. Allows parking for \$2 per day. 295 Main St, Williamstown, MA.
- ► **Greylock Community Club** 413-664-9020. 548 State Road, North Adams, MA.
- ► Flynn & Dagnoli Funeral Home 413-663-6523. 521 West Main Street, North Adam, MA. Please call ahead.
- ► Charlie Galante 802-681-3997. / chuckegalante@gmail.com. East Dorest, VT. 5266 Vermont Route-7, East Dorset, VT. Call ahead to make arrangements.
- Rutland Regional Airport 802-786-8881. Rutland, VT.
- Inn at Long Trail 802-775-7181 / info@innatlongtrail.com (www.innatlongtrail.com) Killington, VT. k Parking lot located across the road (U.S. 4), make sure you check in with the front desk.

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Getting to Burlington, VT. and on to the northern terminus Options:

- Take a plane to Burlington International Airport.
- Take Amtrak to Essex Junction/Burlington Station.
- Take Greyhound Bus Lines to Burlington, VT.

Continue... Options:

- Take a private shuttle to the Northern Terminus. See shuttle provers listing.
- Take the Montpelier LINK Express Bus to the Waterbury Park & Ride. (WWW.ridegmt.com/86-montpelier-link-express).
- Take the Jeffersonville Commuter Bus to Jeffersonville (www.cridegmt.com/36-jeffersonville-commuter).
- Take the St. Albans LINK Express Bus to St. Albans (www.ridegmt.com/st-albans-link).

Final ride:

Take a private shuttle to the Northern Terminus. See shuttle provers listing.

Getting to Montpelier, VT. and on to the northern terminus Options:

- Take Amtrak to Montpelier, VT.
- Take Greyhound Bus Lines to Montpelier, VT.

Final ride:

Take a private shuttle to the Northern Terminus. See shuttle provers listing.

Getting to Waterbury, VT. and on to the northern terminus

Take Amtrak to Waterbury, VT.

Final ride:

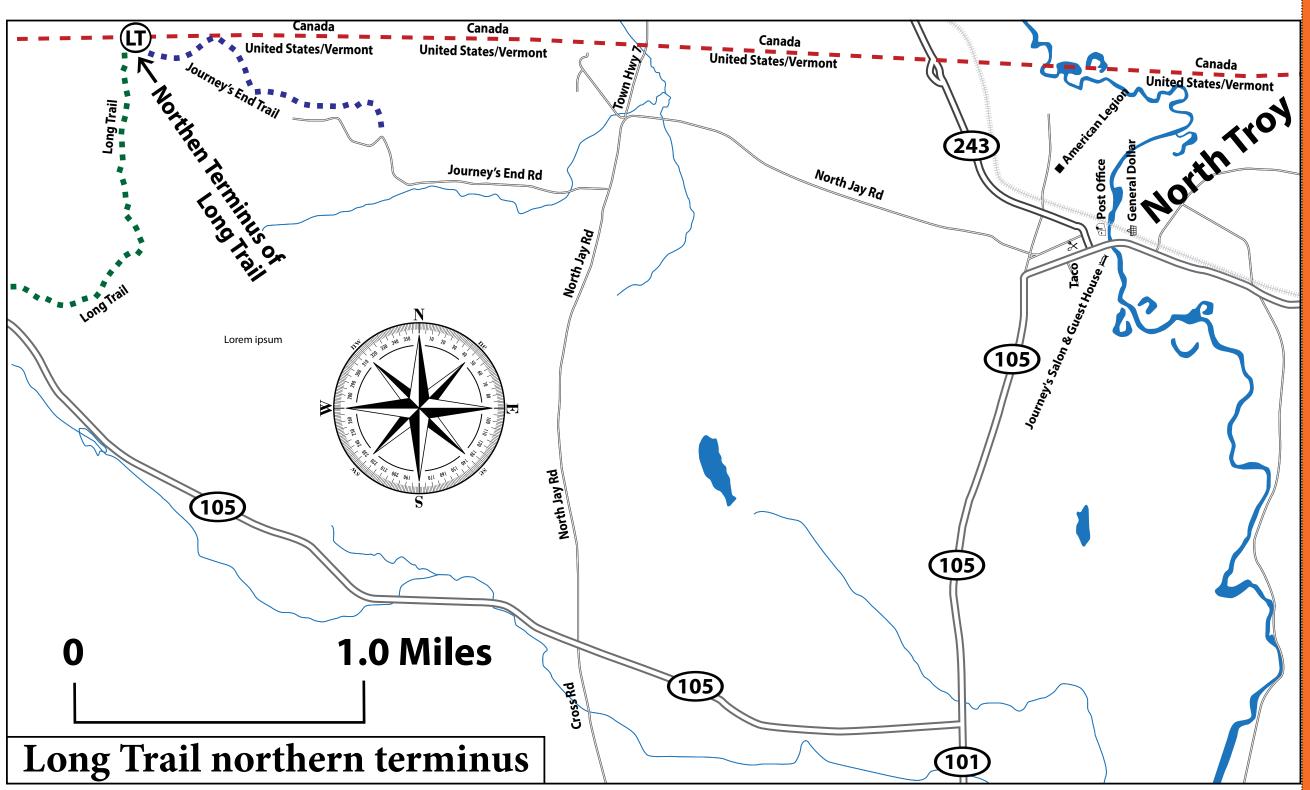
Take a private shuttle to the Northern Terminus. See shuttle provers listing.

Getting to St. Albans, VT. and on to the northern terminus

Take Amtrak to St. Albans, VT

Final ride:

Take a private shuttle to the Northern Terminus. See shuttle provers listing.



Parking options for the northern terminus

There are a few options for parking at the Southern Terminus of the trail.

Call ahead to make there is space is available and pricing.

- ► Green Mountain Club 802-244-7037 ⊠ gmc@greenmountainclub.org. Based out of Waterbury Center, VT.
- ► Hazen's Notch Association Welcome Center 802-326-4799.

☑ info@hazensnotch.org. (www.hazensnotch.org)

1423 Hazen's Notch Road, Montgomery Center.

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about your upcoming hiking plans if you want to use them. * **Dave Ackerson** 413-652-9573 ⊠ daveackerson@yahoo.com. Based out of North Adams, MA. * Pet friendly. S to Williamstown/N Adams, MA < ➤ N to US. 4. (Killington, VT.) 🗯 🗳 🖺 Vic LaPort 413-664-6203 (home) ⊠ flaplaport@outlook.com. Owner: Vic 🛪 🖨 📤 LaPort. Based out of Clarksburg, MA. 🕸 Pet Friendly. 365 days. 24/7 & holidays. Covid precautions. Masks required. 3 Slackpacking. R Parking. Free/ safe parking at my home, 3 mi from AT, in North Adams, MA. "I prefer con-**Get to** tact by email." S to NY < ➤ N to NH & X airport, 🖨 bus & 🌦 train terminals. Shuttle Beattie. Based out of Clarksburg, MA. * Pet friendly. * Insured. Apr-Nov, dawn to dusk, 24/7 & holidays. Slackpacking. Parking, free. "Please" text, or email first. Unrecognized calls may not be answered. Masks mandatory. No shuttle of sick individuals. In case of extreme viral spike, service will be suspended." S to North Adams < ➤ Killington and Albany and Hartford areas. & 🛪 airport, 🖨 bus & 🌦 train terminals. 🚘 🕊 🗣 Paper Dot MacDonald 802-275-8649 ⊠ dotmike2@comcast.net. Owner: Dot Mac-🛪 🖨 📤 Donald. Based out of Brattleboro, VT. 🕸 Pet Friendly. 🗫 Insured. 365 days, (limited hrs, call) & holidays. 🕹 Can get fuel. 🎥 Parking, No parking, unless **Manufact** they are leaving it for a long time. "I refer people to other shuttlers looking for transport from point A to point B within the northernmost and southernmost areas as it can be more cost effective for them to use someone situated **Planning** in that area." Covid precautions. Masks require S to Central Massachusettes < ➤ N to Hanover, NH. & ≯ airport, 🖨 bus & **bus** train terminals. 🛪 🖨 📤 East Dorset, VT. 🕸 Pet friendly. 🖺 Allows short-term and long-term parking, slackpacking. Call ahead to make arrangements. S to Williamstown, MA./N Adams, VT. $\prec >$ N to Journeys End, & \times airport, 🖨 bus & 📤 train terminals. **Tim Heath-Swanson and Rick Swanson 802-922-8254** ⊠ swansoninn@gmail.com. (www.swansoninn.com) Based out of Waitsfield. ® Not pet friendly rides. Inn offers special for through hikers. Inn offers thru-hiker specials including pick-up/drop-off from Lincoln Gap and App Gap and resupply to Waitsfield. All other hikers call to see about availability. S to Lincoln Gap $\prec > N$ to Appalachian Gap (VT. 17). **Noah Kanter** noahjk89@gmail.com. \to Based out of Burlington, VT. S to VT 17/Appalachian Gap < ➤ N to Johnson VT., ≯ Airport to Route 2 or Johnson. **Superhero Services** 802-522-0146 (cell), 802-323-7919 (cell). □ newportheroes@gmail.com. Based out of Newport, VT. □ Pet friendly. □ Insured. and holidays. 9am-10pm daily unless other needs arise. Does not offer slackpacking. Prices are based on where you are being picked up and where you are going. Willing to negotiate the drop off location if it is outside of range. Will try to be work with hikers so they can get to where they need to be. Also partner with Journeys Salon and Guest House that offers parking for hikers. S to Boston, MA < ➤ N to Boston, MA., & ≯ airport, 🖨 bus & 🎰 train terminals. Wendy Velander 802-323-4252 ⊠ jaywayjitney@gmail.com (jaywayjitney .com) Based out of Troy. A Pet friendly. Provides lodging, contact for more information. (www.abnb.me/Ep1cEkQmjQ). Pa Guests that stay can park vehicles here and get shuttled to Journey's End. S to Williamstown, MA./N Adams, VT. $\prec >$ N to Journeys End.

Shuttles providers servicing the Long Trail

There are a few options for shuttle service along the Long Trail. It is recommended that

you contact the shuttle provider ahead of time. You need to give them advanced notice

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Pat Spielman & Jim Morris 802-899-5465 (home)

M hikebikevt@gmail.com. Pet friendly. Based out of Jericho, VT. Some holidays.

Parking available. Possible overnight and/or shower at beginning or end of hike. Jim shuttles the section that includes Rutland, Killington, and RT 4 to Journey's End. Pat will shuttle the section that includes from Notch Road/RT 2 to Journey's End. Will pick up LT hikers at Journey's End that are starting or finishing the LT and take them back to their car, ** airport, ** bus, or ** train.

If you know of any other Long Trail shuttle providers, please reach out to me and let me know. longtrailpages@gmail.com

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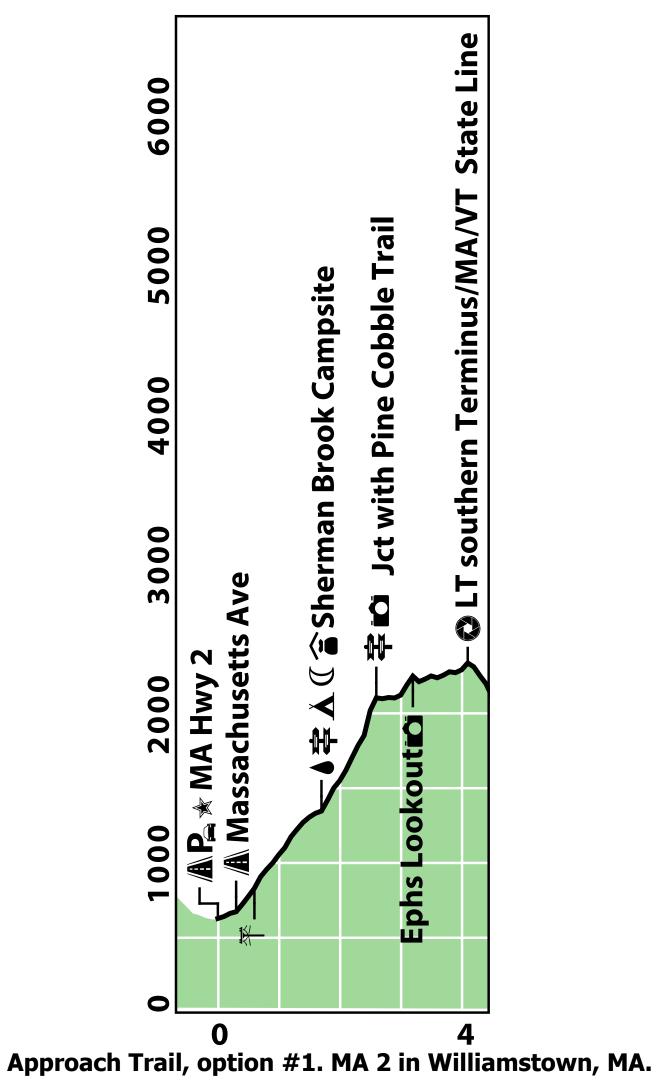
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2.5		Trail skirts north side of bog. 2130	1.5			
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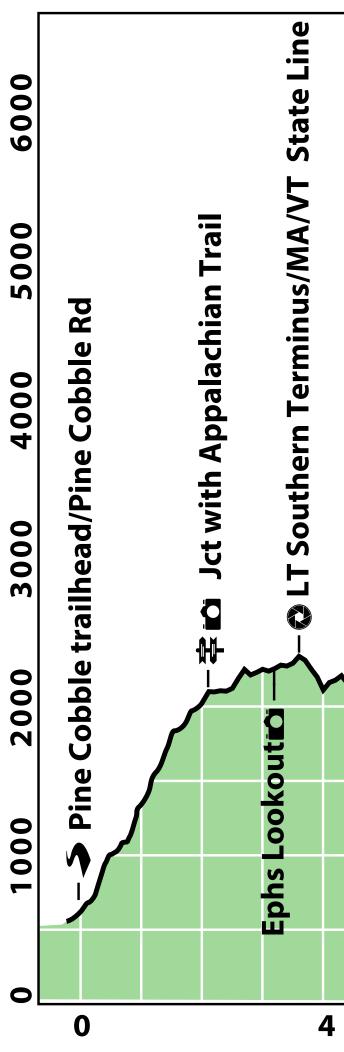
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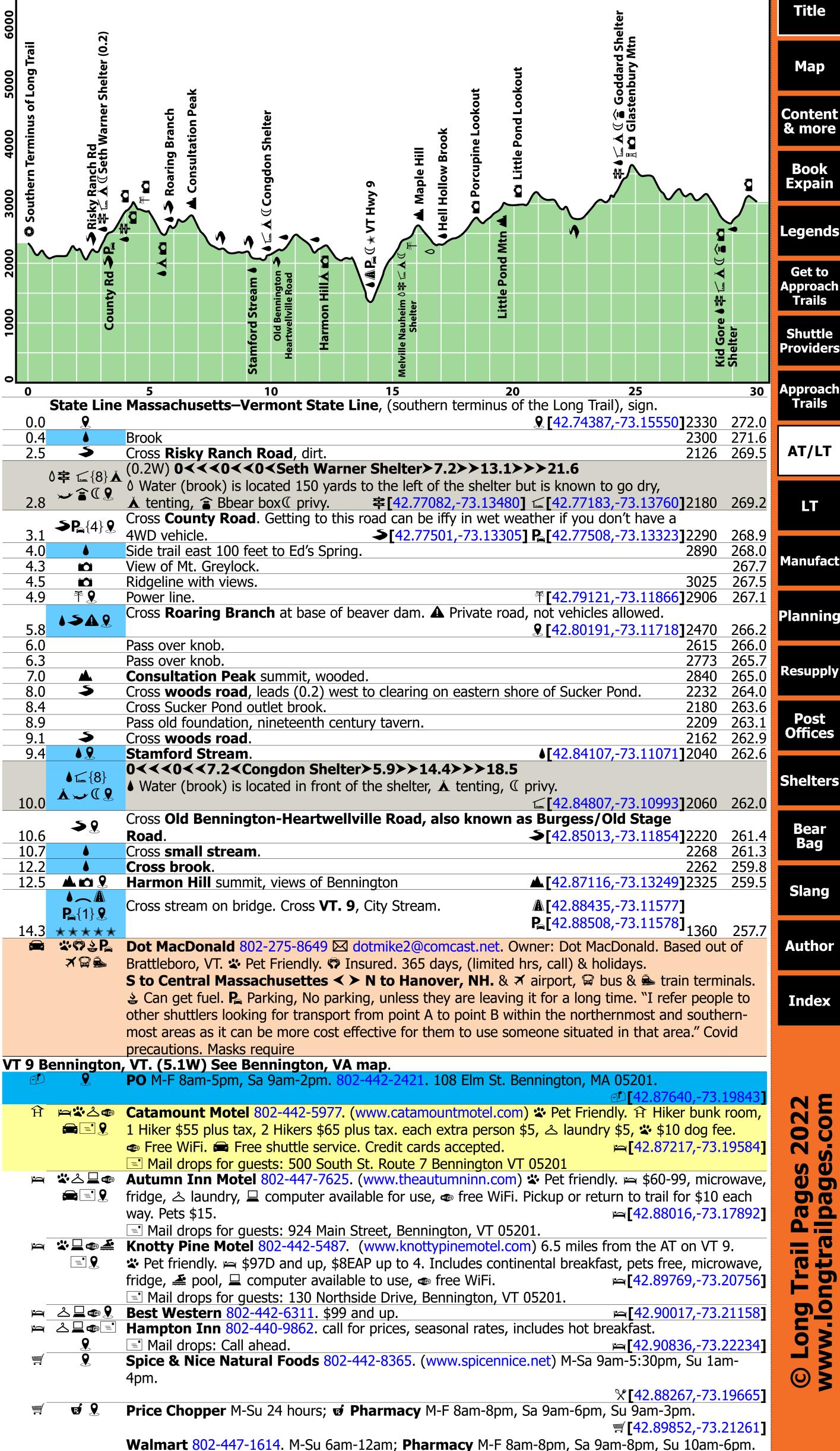


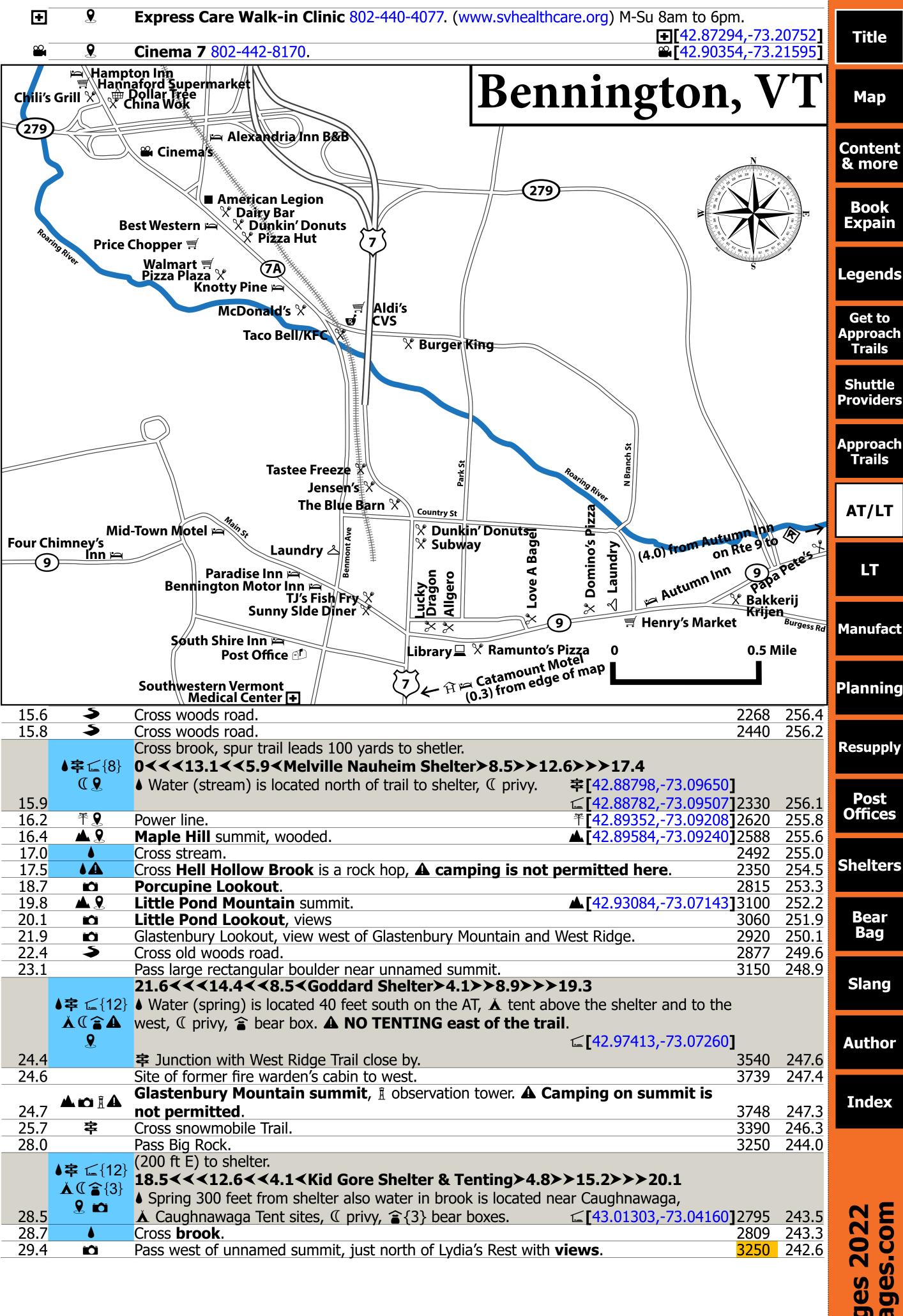
Approach Trail, option #2. Pine Cobble Road in Williamstown, MA.

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	iÓ	Trail levels out on a plateau, once the shore of glacial Lake Bascom that filled the entire	2.9		
0.5		Hoosac Valley to a depth of about 500 feet.			
	辜≬	A side trail east leads 350 feet downhill to Bear Spring, a slight upwelling at the base of	2.6		
0.8		a steep cliff topped with hemlock			
	亭	Trail turns to the southeast. Yellow diamond-shaped tags mark the entrance to the	2.4		
1.0		WRLF Pine Cobble Summit Natural Area of Clarksburg State Forest.			
	常	From the trail sign at the crest of the hill, several short (0.1 mi.) trails to the right lead	1.9		
		out onto the quartzite outcrops of Pine Cobble. View of the Greylock Range across the			
		valley to the south, with the summit of Mt. Greylock clearly distinguished by the war me-			
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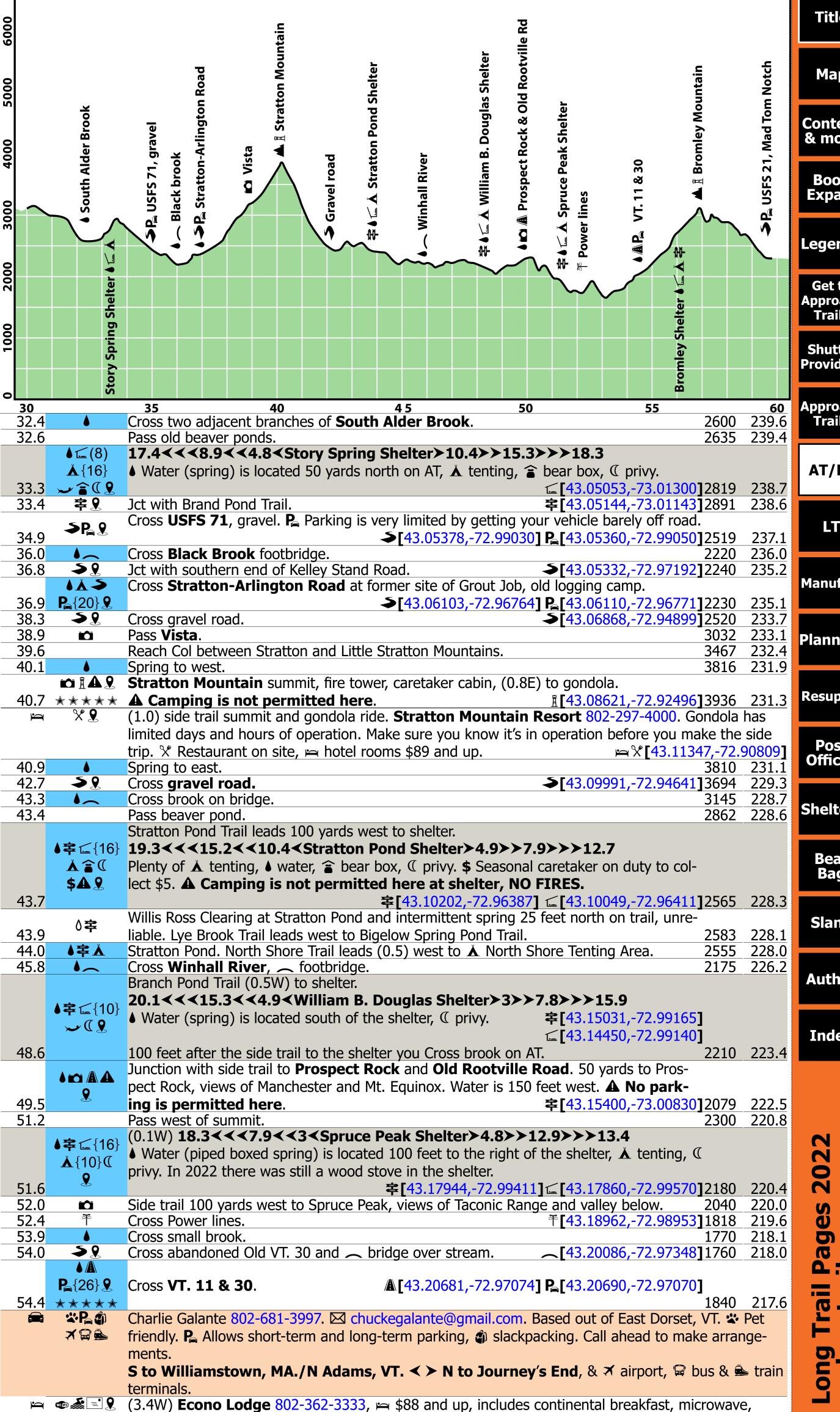
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fridge, 🚵 outdoor pool. Pets \$15, 🖝 WiFi.

Manchester Center, VT. (5.4W) See Manchester, VT map.

Mail drop for guests: 2187 Depot St, Manchester Center, VT 05255.