



Lake Champlain Region Hiking Map & Guide

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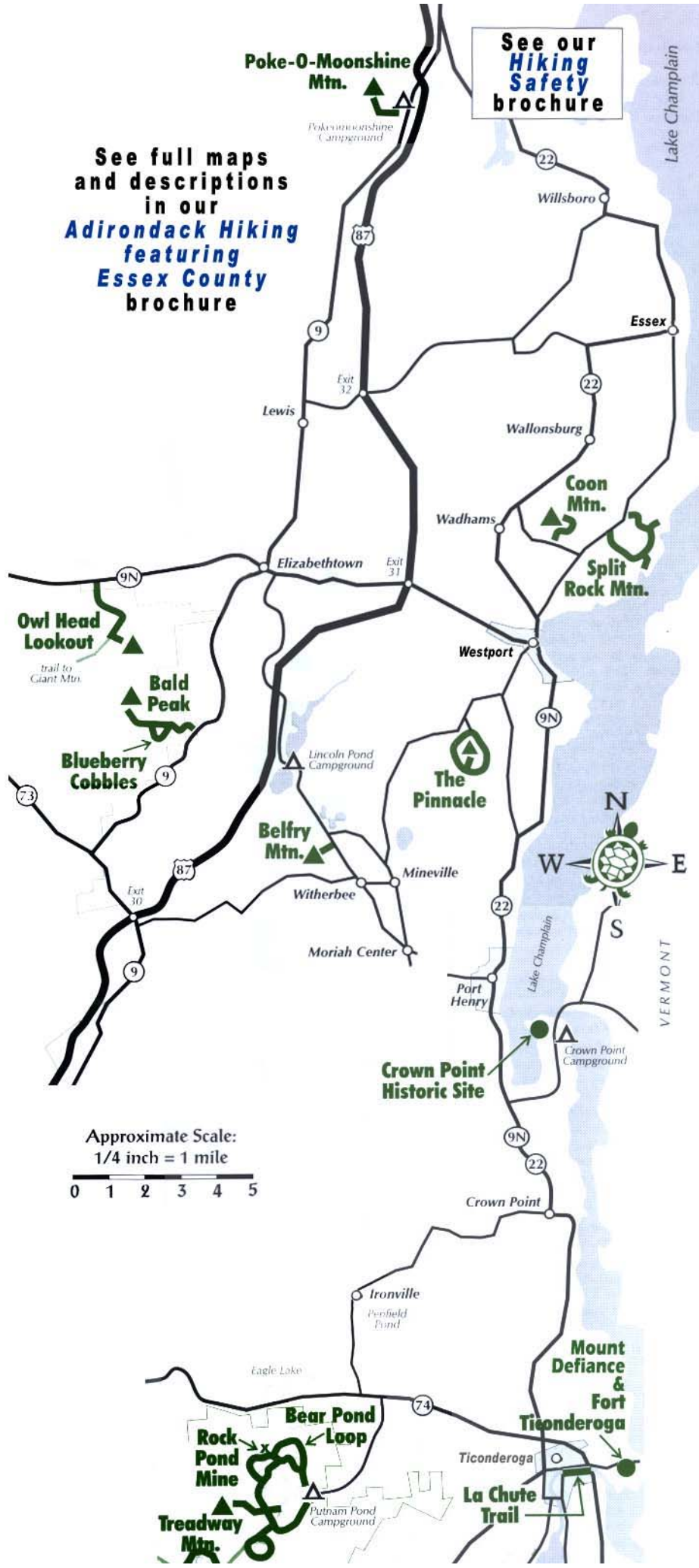
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Approximate Scale:
1/4 inch = 1 mile



Mount Defiance & Fort Ticonderoga played important roles in our nation's history. The drive to the top of Mount Defiance offers an incredible views. Inside the Fort, there are trails through 600 acres of former battlefield, as well as living history demonstrations, interpreters in period clothing, and a military museum. For more information, call 518-585-2821.

La Chute Trail is along the LaChute River, which has driven mills since 1755. An illustrated trail guide with map explains its history, both natural and industrial.

0.5 miles RT, easy. For more information, call the Ticonderoga Chamber at 518-585-6619.

Putnam Pond Campground is a state campsite that is the trailhead for a number of hiking trails, such as **Bear Pond Loop**, which passes a series of wilderness ponds. **Treadway Mountain** is a rewarding hike with outstanding views, and **Rock Pond Mine** features the remains of an old graphite mine. **Grizzle Ocean** is another picturesque pond with a leanto and a trail that circles the pond.

Bear Pond and Grizzle Ocean are both an easy 5 mile loop, Treadway Mountain is 7.8 miles RT, moderate, and Rock Pond Mine Trail is 5.4 miles RT, moderate. Trailhead is at the state campground at 763 Putts Pond Road. Take Route 74 West from Ticonderoga and go 4.3 miles. Turn Left on Putts Pond Road, and go 0.7 miles.

Parking fee when campground is open for the season.

Crown Point Historic Site is on the ruins of two Revolutionary War era forts. A trail map and guide is available from the museum. For more information, call 518-597-3666.

The Pinnacle

offers a high bluff with a 180 degree view overlooking Lake Champlain and the Green Mountains of Vermont.

2.5 mile loop, easy. Trailhead on Mountain Spring Road.

Belfry Mountain has an easy trail that was once a truck road. Now the iron mines are abandoned to the lovely view of both the Adirondack and Green Mountain ranges. It's also a great spot for birdwatching.

0.6 miles RT, easy. Trailhead reached by a drive North through Mineville on Route 7 and turn left at the Citgo. In a mile, turn right at the yield sign onto Route 70. Go uphill 1.1 miles to the yellow gate where the trail begins.

Blueberry Cobbles is the easy path to the challenging summit of **Bald Peak**. The open ledges of Blueberry Cobbles are easy to reach and have great views of the Boquet Valley and the Dix Range. The trail increases in difficulty to reach the base of Bald Peak, which offers a steep climb over bare rock, but rewards with exceptional views in all directions upon reaching the summit.

Blueberry Cobbles is 3.8 miles RT, easy, while Bald Peak is 7.8 miles RT, and rated difficult. Trailhead starts at a parking lot 4.9 miles north of the junction with Route 73, on Route 9.

Owl Head Lookout offers great views of Giant Mountain, Rocky Peak Ridge, and the Lake Champlain Valley.

5.2 miles RT, moderate. Trailhead off of Route 9N, 4.5 miles West from Elizabethtown to the trailhead sign on left. Free parking.

Split Rock Mountain uses old roads to access ridge-top views of Lake Champlain, an old quarry site, and the sandy beach at Barn Rock Bay.

6.5 mile loop, moderate. Trailhead on Route 9N South of Essex, 2 miles North of Lakeshore Road. (See Coon Mountain trailhead directions, below.)

Coon Mountain is famous for its mysterious and craggy interior, with rocky outcrops and hemlock forests. A nature trail guide, available at the trailhead, tells the story of this unique area as you enjoy an easy climb to the summit for great views. A part of Coon Mountain Preserve, a 246 acre Land Trust Preserve in the Champlain Valley.

2 miles RT, easy. Trailhead is near the small town of Wadhams. From Westport take Route 22N North toward Essex. In 0.4 mile turn right onto Lakeshore Road, keeping to the right at the junction with Beekman Road at the 1 mile mark. Then continue 2 miles to Halds Road on the left, and it is 0.75 miles to the parking area.

Poke-O-Moonshine Mountain is a popular hike because of its steep cliffs, fire tower, and open summit with great views. There's a 1000 foot cliff on the east side for rock climbing.

2 miles RT, moderate. Trailhead located at the state campground on Route 9, 9.3 miles North of the junction of the road from Lewis to Exit 32 on the Adirondack Northway, and 3.0 miles South of Exit 33.

Parking fee when campground is open for the season.