

Appalachian Trail - Trailhead Directions and Options

Woodstock Vermont



***Please note: All Appalachian Trail hiking options require good physical conditioning and hiking experience.**

1. Route 12 Trailhead

- From the Billings Farm & Museum parking lot, drive three miles on Route 12 North.

- Look for a small parking lot on the left about ½ mile past North Bridgewater Road.

*The parking lot is easy to miss since it lies below Route 12 on the left. If you come to "On the Edge" farmstand, you have gone 0.2 miles past the trailhead.

Trails

Option A: Route 12 to Stage Road (AT North): Strenuous - 1.5 miles (3 miles round trip)
Facing the display side of the kiosk, take the trail to the right from the parking lot. Cross Route 12 and climb up Dana Hill. There is about ½ mile of strenuous climbing to the top of Dana Hill. There's a beautiful view! You may choose to come back to the Route 12 trailhead or to continue to Stage Road.

Option B: Route 12 to a view of Mount Ascutney (AT South): Moderate - 1mile (2 miles round trip). Cross the bridge then climb south through a cow pasture and field. After entering the woods continue on a moderate incline to a view of Mount Ascutney to the south. You may choose to hike further; however there is no road access for several miles.

Note: For hikers who seek a short experience on the AT with a nice view: Walk just the first 1/4 mile up the cow pasture to a beautiful view looking north.

2. Stage Road Trailhead

- From the Billings Farm & Museum parking lot, drive 1/4 mile on Route 12 North. Bear to the right onto Pomfret Road toward Suicide Six Ski Resort. After 2.1 miles (at Teago Store) bear left onto Stage Road. About ½ mile after the ski resort, look for a small pullout parking space to your right.

Trails

Option A: Stage Road to Pomfret Road (AT North): Moderate - 2.2 miles (4.4 miles round trip). Cross the small bridge to the right of parking space. **Note:** Watch out for a very muddy section on this trail. You will cross two dirt roads before reaching Pomfret Road

(one of the smaller road does not appear on the map). Be careful when crossing Pomfret Brook at the end of this section since there is no bridge.

Option B: Stage Road to Route 12 (AT South): Moderate - 1.5 mile (3 miles round trip). Cross Stage Road and walk up to Dana Hill. Beautiful view! It is a moderate climb for about 1 mile to the top of Dana Hill, a longer but more gradual climb than from Route 12.

3. Pomfret Road Trailhead

- From the Billings Farm & Museum, drive 1/4 mile on Route 12 North. Bear to the right onto Pomfret Road. After 2 miles (at Teago Store) bear right. About 1 mile past the Teago Store (less than 1/4 mile after Bartlett Brook Road), look for a small pullout to your left.

Trails:

Option A: Pomfret Road to Cloudland Road (AT North):
Strenuous to Moderate -
2 miles (4 miles round trip).
Beautiful view and multiple stonewalls.

Option B: Pomfret Road to Stage Road (AT South):
Moderate - 2.2 miles (4.4 miles round trip). Less elevation gain than Option A. Brooks and stonewalls present.

Note: Use caution when crossing the brook at the beginning of hike. Watch out for a muddy section on this trail. You will cross two dirt roads before reaching Stage Road. (one of the dirt road does not appear on this map)



