

The Faulkner Trail to Mount Tom's South Peak

Description An easy walk that switchbacks up to the South Peak of Mount Tom where you can enjoy a panoramic view of the Woodstock village and surrounding mountains. Near the top of South Peak the switchbacks stop and there is a lovely overlook and some benches. The last 100 yards of



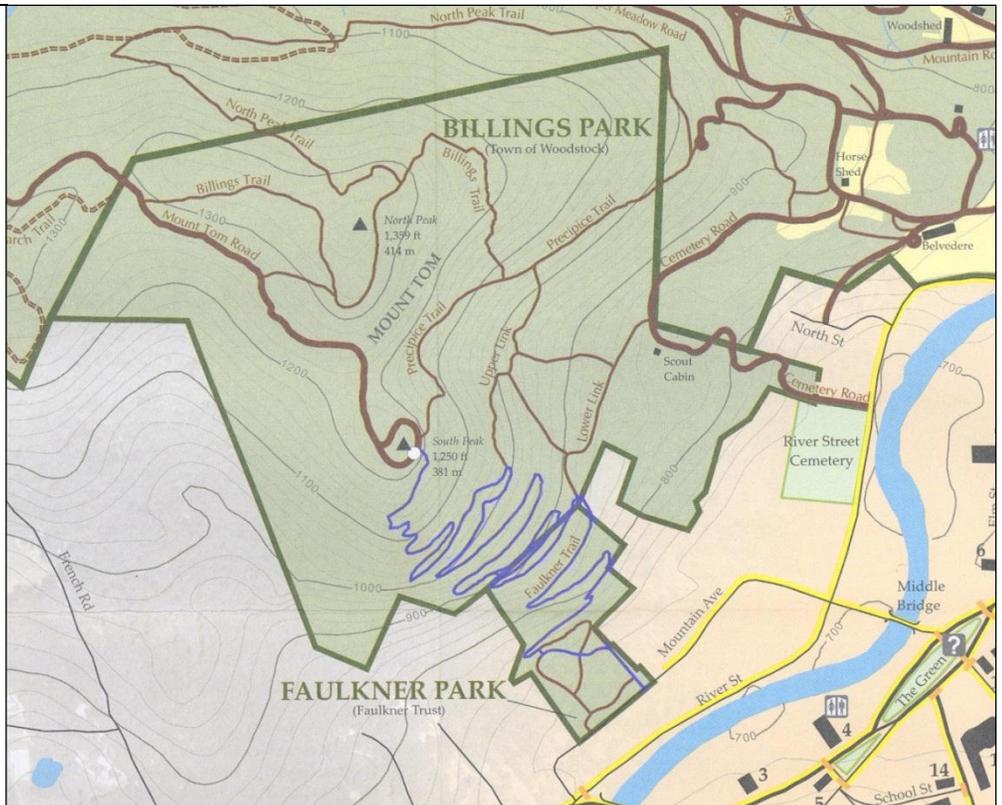
trail is more challenging, with rock outcrops and uneven footing. At the top, take in the breathtaking view of Woodstock village and the surrounding mountains.

Distance 2.75 miles round trip

Trailhead Faulkner Park, Mountain Road; the trailhead begins at the rear of the park

Directions From the Woodstock Green on West U.S. Route 4, take a right on Mountain Road. Continue on Mountain Road around a curve and to a long parking pull off at the Faulkner Park. Head into the Park along its paved paths to a kiosk where the hike begins.

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History The trail was built over 75 years ago by Marianne Faulkner as a tribute to her husband, and has been in use ever since. Today, it connects the Woodstock Trail System to with the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park. Residents and visitors in the town of Woodstock enjoy the historic Faulkner Trail. Recent repair efforts on the trail, with help from the National Park Service Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program and other community partners has restored the trail to a more user friendly state. In 2004, the Billings Park Commission began to restore this trail. The RTCA gave technical assistance, while Vermont Youth Conservation crews worked with several trails restoration specialists to repair stonework, clean out and restore culverts, and repair trail tread.

Left Photo: Bridge half way up the Faulkner Trail (Photo: Amanda Anderson)

Right Photo: Panoramic View from the top of Faulkner Trail (Photo: Ed Sharron)