THE COOLIDGE RANGE
SUMMER RECREATION TRAILS

Coolidge State Forest
Gifford Woods State Park
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Phylsbury Wildlife Management Area
Green Mountain National Forest
Appalacian Trail Corridor
Rutland City Forest
Forest Legacy Public Access Easments

Legend
Stream
Federal or state highway
Secondary road
Forest access road
Gate
Appalachian Trail/Long Trail
Other hiking trail
Trail shelter or lean-to
Ski chairlift
Mountain peak or unique feature

Land Management Key
VT Dept. of Forests, Parks & Recreation (State Forest/State Park)
State forest land under long-term lease to Killington-Pico Ski Resort Partners
U.S. Forest Service (Green Mountain National Forest, Appalachian Trail Corridor)
Vt. Fish & Wildlife Dept. (Wildlife Management Area, Access Area)
Municipal lands (Rutland City Forest, Shrewsbury Town Forest, Rutland County Grammar Lot)
Forest Legacy Easement lands (see text side for details)
Mendon Peak State Natural Area
Shrewsbury Peak State Natural Area
Timber Brook State Natural Area

Gifford Woods State Park Trails

Coolidge State Park Trails

To Coolidge State Park south 0.5 mi.
Hiking

There are more than 30 miles of maintained hiking trails on public land in the Coolidge Range area. Trails are identified with colored rectangular markers. There are also many miles of woods roads for walking and exploring.

1. Shrewsbury Peak Trail (1.8 miles to Shrewsbury Peak, 4.0 miles to Long Trail) Blue blazes. This trail links the CCC Road with the Long Trail near Little Kitchen Pond and Salem South Gorge. A spur trail connects the CCC Road to the Stowe Country Club parking lot on CCC Road and ascends steeply to Shrewsbury Peak. It is named for the Shrewsbury Peak shelter. Views to the south and east from the peak include Killington on the north slope of Killington Peak.

2. Bessoney Trail (1.5 miles) Blue blazes. This trail leads from the south side of the Peak Shelter to Killington Peak and north along a ridge to the summit.

3. Long Trail/Appalachian Trail White blazes. A section of the Appalachian Trail (Long Trail) runs through the Coolidge Range. It enters the region near Governor Clémenton Shelter and leaves on the north slope of Killington Peak. The Long Trail travels through private and federal lands before the two trails diverge and the AT continues east through Gifford Woods State Park. The trail travels through high elevation northern hardwoods and spruce-fir forests. There are spectacular views from the summit of Killington Peak accessed by the Killington Spur Trail (0.2 miles). (Elevation change: 3.000 to 4.200 feet) For more detailed information on the Long Trail system refer to the Appalachian Trail Conference.

4. Sherburne Pass Trail (2.9 miles to Route 4) Blue blazes. This trail is the former route of the Long Trail between Pico Camp and Route 4 at Sherburne Pass, and currently connects to the AT/Long Trail at both its north and south ends. The Pico Link (0.4 miles) leads to the summit of Pico Peak. This trail is on private land with a public access easement. (Elevation change: 3.600 feet (Pico Camp) to 2.700 feet (Old Maine Jct).)

5. Kent Brook Trail (1 mile) Yellow blazes. This loop trail follows the perimeter of Gifford Woods State Park through a northern hardwood forest. The trail begins at the bridge across the Kent Brook and ascends steeply through private and federal lands before the two trails diverge and the AT continues east through Gifford Woods State Park.

6. Bucklin Trail (3.4 miles) Blue blazes. This popular side trail to the summit contains a vista located near the 2,174 foot summit of Slack Hill. On clear days Mount Ascutney can be seen in the distance. The trail continues along an old skid road and descends for another mile to the west. The Killington Resort on State Land

7. Slack Hill Trail (2.5 miles) Blue blazes. Coolidge State Park. This trail begins at the park entrance off Route 100A near a wooden bridge (1.5 miles) Blue blazes. Coolidge State Park. From there the trail ascends through spruce-fir forests to Slack Hill. From the summit of Slack Hill a view of the eastern slope of Tinker Brook Gorge is seen. The trail turns south and follows the ridge for approximately 1 mile to an old skid road. The Killington Resort on State Land

8. Tinker Brook Trail (0.4 miles to Tinker Brook gorge) Blue blazes. This trail begins at a sharp turn on the North Road in the Town of Plymouth. This moderate hike along an old woods road leads to the Tinker Brook Shelter and the Tinker Brook Natural Area. The Natural Area includes a 265 acres of the Vermont Parks and Recreation Department of Parks, Forests and Recreation Fish and Wildlife Agency

9. Killington Resort on State Land Killington/Pico Ski Resort Partners, LLC leases 1,700 acres of Coolidge State Forest at Killington Resort and offers downhill skiing, snowboarding, mountain biking and hiking activities. The company charges fees for use of its lifts and facilities, and may control, limit or exclude public use or access in certain situations. Pico Mountain operates on private land owned by Killington Resort on State Land