

Route 29A HIKING GUIDE



Kane Mountain Fire Tower

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

1. HOLMES LAKE

Trail Length – 4.1 miles

Trail Difficulty – Advanced ♦ Use – Multipurpose

Trail Head/Parking Directions – Holmes Rd., 1.2 miles from Rt. 112 (just east of trail head sign).

The Holmes Lake trail gives access to Holmes Lake (1.7 miles), Bellows Lake (2.1 miles) and Irving Pond (4.1 miles).

2. BROOMSTICK LAKE

Trail Length – 0.7 miles

Trail Difficulty – Easy ♦ Use – Multipurpose

Trail Head/Parking Directions – West side of Rt. 10, 1 mile north from intersection of Rt. 10/29A.

Broomstick Lake was used in the original filming of “The Last of the Mohicans” in 1936. The trail follows a stream that flows from the lake to Stoner Creek.

3. KANE MOUNTAIN

Trail Length – 0.9 miles

Trail Difficulty – Moderate ♦ Use – Hiking

Trail Head/Parking Directions – Turn onto Green Lake Rd., go a half mile and bear left at the fork to parking.

The trail follows an old jeep road to a restored fire tower and observer’s cabin. Breathtaking views, including eight lakes in the area, can be observed from the fire tower. An alternate trail can be accessed past the observer’s cabin that follows a steep decent to School House Rd.

4. WILLIE WILDLIFE MARSH

Trail Length – 1.5-mile loop

Trail Difficulty – Easy

Trail Head/Parking Directions – Willie Rd., 1.8 Miles from Rt. 29A.

Explore a wetland habitat with a viewing platform and boardwalks that traverse the marsh and open areas.

5. NINE CORNER LAKE

Trail Length – 0.9 miles to lake

Trail Difficulty – Easy ♦ Use – Multipurpose

Trail Head/Parking Directions – North side of Rt. 29A, less than 0.1 miles from intersection of Rt. 10/29A.

There’s a gradual uphill climb passing a waterfall from mountain streams. Nine Corner Lake has crystal-clear water with several large rock outcroppings along the shore, and its deep water makes for great swimming. The area is a popular spot for bouldering. The trail continues along the south side of the lake, enabling a longer hike if desired.

6. IRVING POND

Trail Length – 0.3 miles

Trail Difficulty – Easy ♦ Use – Hiking

Trail Head/Parking Directions – Turn off Rt. 29A at Nick Stoner Golf Course and follow the road to dead end.

An easy walk along the outlet of Irving Pond to site of a previous dam, which was removed in 1996. The trail is lined with wild flowers in late spring and offers beautiful views. During dry seasons, the shoreline of the pond can be explored.

7. NORTHVILLE – PLACID TRAIL

Trail Length – 135 miles

Trail Difficulty – Advanced ♦ Use – Hiking

Trail Head/Parking Directions – Waterfront Park, S. Main St., Northville.

The trail starts at the Waterfront Park arch and continues to the bridge where trains once delivered passengers set to hike to Lake Placid. The trail also has a starting point at the Trailhead Lodge in Benson.

8. MARINA TRAIL

Trail Length – 1.5 miles

Trail Difficulty – Easy ♦ Use – Multipurpose

Trail Head/Parking Directions – South side of Rt. 29A, less than 0.1 miles from intersection of Rt. 10/29A.

Also known as West Lake Trail, it connects the Nine Corner Lake Trail to the boat launch at West Lake. The trail has several bridges that cross small streams and marshy areas.

9. SPECTACLE AND DEXTER LAKE TRAIL

Trail Length – 6.5 miles

Trail Difficulty – Advanced ♦ Use – Multipurpose

Trail Head/Parking Directions – Parking on south side. Trail head on north side of Rt. 29A, 3 miles west of Rt. 10/Rt. 29A intersection.

The trail follows an old road bed, passing several lakes along the way to Spectacle and Dexter lakes. The trail has the option of looping back to Nine Corner Lake.

10. STEWART AND INDIAN LAKE TRAIL

Trail Length – 2.2 miles

Trail Difficulty – Easy ♦ Use – Hiking

Trail Head/Parking Directions – Turn onto Green Lake Rd. After 0.5 miles, bear left at the fork to parking. The trail head is several hundred feet past the parking area to the right.

The trail is fairly flat, passing by Stewart Lake (1.4 miles) and then on to Indian Lake. There are tent campsites on both lakes. This trail is also used for cross country skiing in the winter.

11. CHASE LAKE

Trail Length – 2.5 miles

Trail Difficulty – Easy ♦ Use – Multipurpose

Trail Head/Parking Directions – Pinnacle Rd., 2.6 miles from Rt. 125.

The trail follows an old logging road, making for a relatively flat, easy hike. A lean-to is located on the west side of the lake, and a few tent camping sites are located around the waters.

12. GLASGOW POND

Trail Length – 0.9 miles

Trail Difficulty – Easy ♦ Use – Multipurpose

Trail Head/Parking Directions – Glasgow Rd., 0.4 miles from Rt. 10.

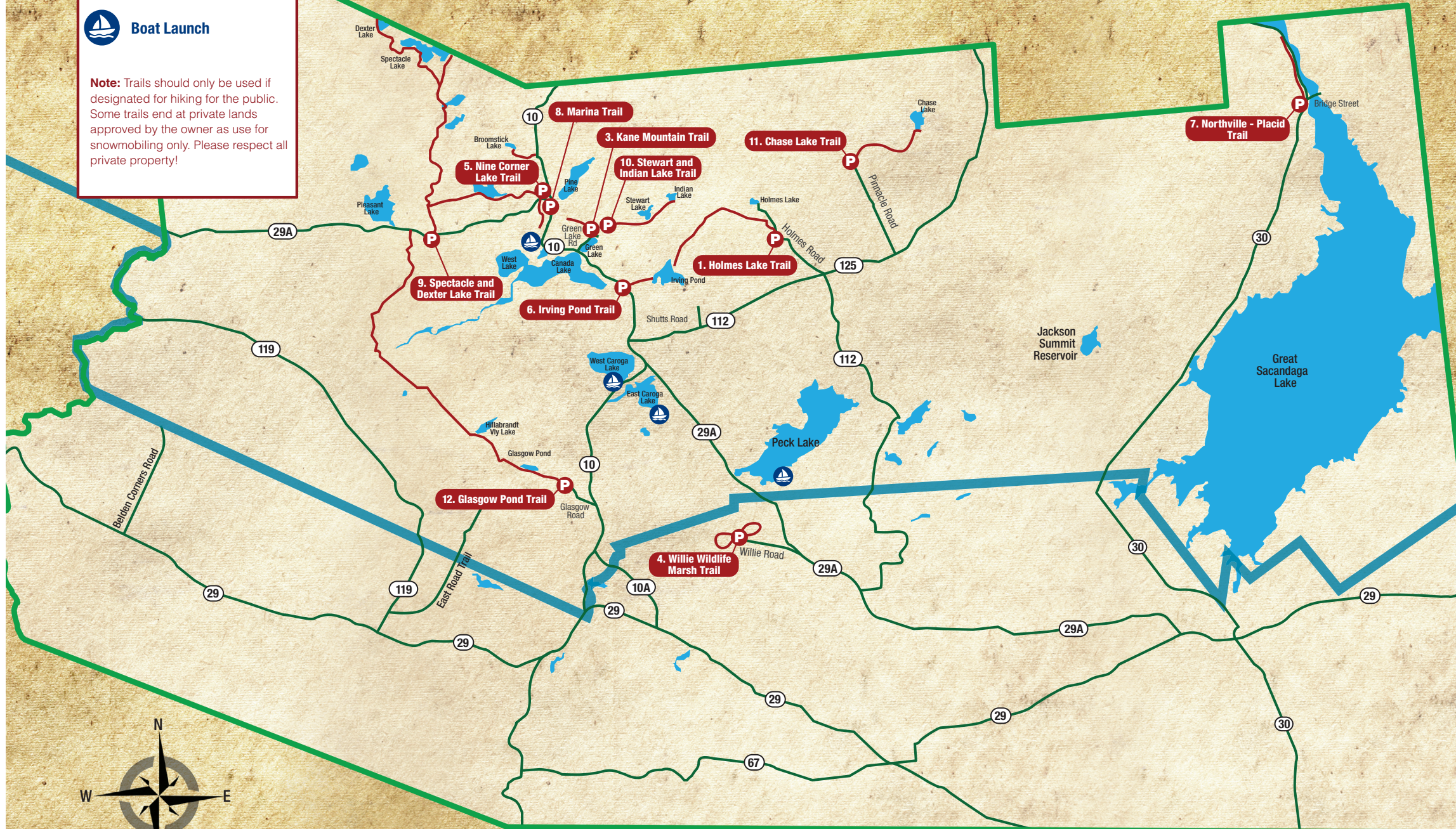
The trail passes an old foundation on its way to Glasgow Pond. The hike can be lengthened to Hillabrandt Vly Lake, which is about 2.6 miles from the trail head.

Map Key

P Hiking Trail Head/Parking

 Boat Launch

Note: Trails should only be used if designated for hiking for the public. Some trails end at private lands approved by the owner as use for snowmobiling only. Please respect all private property!



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