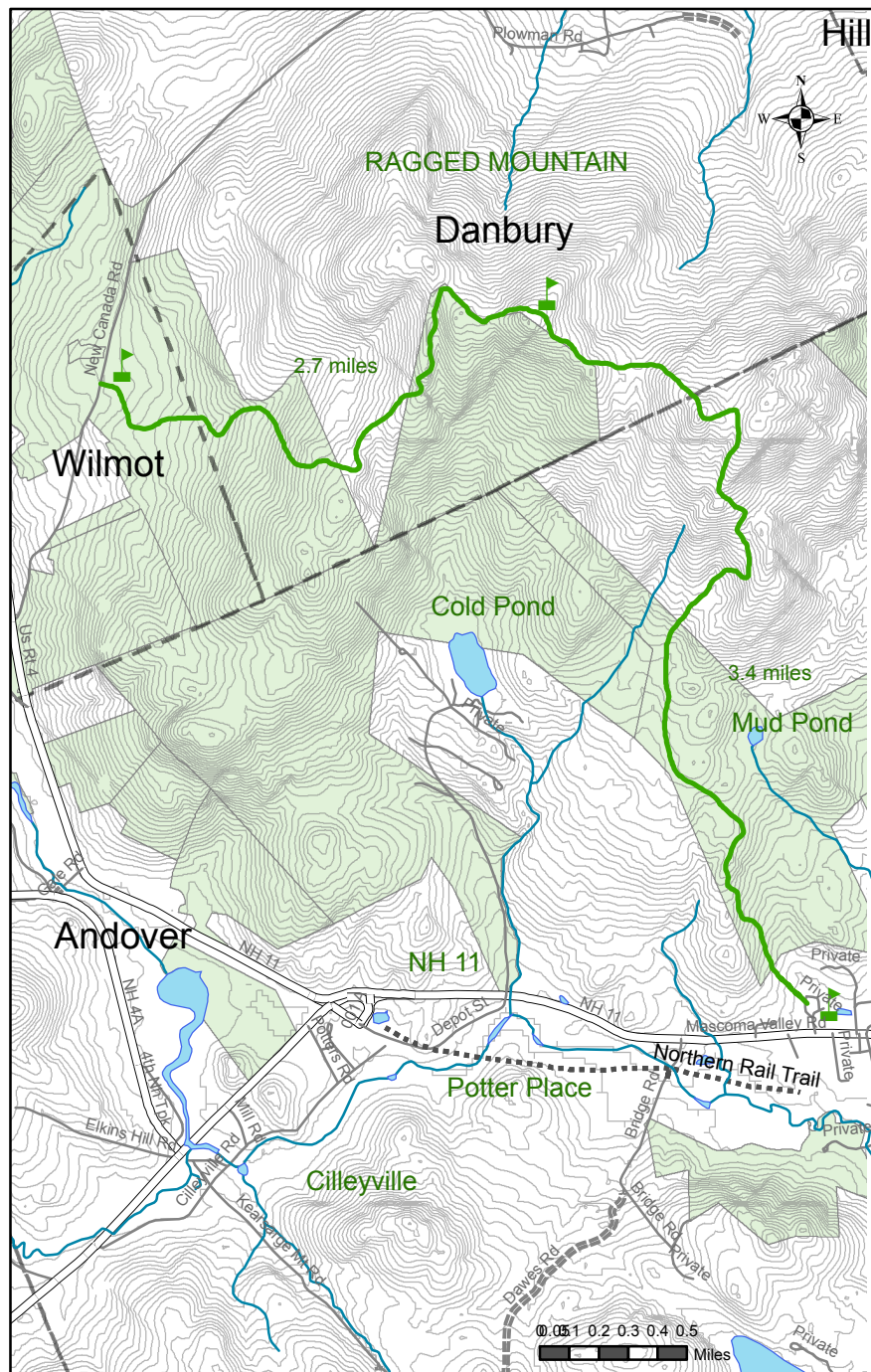


Trail 9 New Canada Road to Proctor Academy

Finding the Trailheads: At the northern trailhead, parking for up to four cars is available on New Canada Road, 0.9 mi. east of US Route 4 at a point two miles north of the junction of US Route 4 and NH Route 11. Southern trailhead parking is at a large parking lot to the west side of Proctor Academy's Farrell Field House in the center of Andover on routes NH 11 and US 4. The Field House is the large brick building set back across the road from the white-fenced playing fields.



Total Distance: 6.1 miles
Total Ascents: 1400 feet

Estimated time: 5 hours
Total Descents: 1800 feet

Overview: Ragged Mountain is a ridge with a series of peaks just over 2200 ft. in elevation. The trail touches only the 2225-ft. ski peak as it passes along the ridge. Between and below these peaks are ledge outcrops, some with expansive views, and a variety of forest types and glacial landforms. The bedrock exposed on Ragged Mountain is called the Upper (or Kearsarge) Member of the Littleton Formation. It is a metamorphic rock formed from seafloor sediments 370 million to 395 million years ago during the Lower Devonian period. It is probably not a coincidence that Mount Kearsarge, Ragged Mountain, and a series of rocky hills between them, are all exposures of this formation. It is rich in sillimanite, a mineral so resistant to weathering that elongated, light-grey fibrous crystals of it can often be seen standing out in relief on the surface of ledges and boulders. The trail begins in Wilmot, finds the ridge in Danbury and descends in Andover. The SRKG is marked by white trapezoids, either painted or cut metal. The SRKG shares portions of trails built by the Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club and Proctor Academy in Andover, which have their own blazes. Follow the SRKG blazes, avoiding many old logging roads.