

The **Carpenter Road trail system** is on the eastern edge of the Tug Hill Plateau, an area with heavier snowfall than any other part of the United States east of the Rocky Mountains. It offers **8 miles of scenic pathways** for skiers in the winter and for hikers and bikers during the summer season.

The **recommended access point** for entry to this trail system is via the Seymour Road at its intersection with the Carpenter Road. The Carpenter Road intersects state route 26 at 2.3 miles north of the village of Turin and .6 miles south of the hamlet of Houseville. Proceed up the Carpenter Road for approximately one mile to its intersection with the Seymour Road on the left. Parking is available at **3 designated parking lots**. Parking along the Carpenter Road is not allowed. The Seymour Road is an unplowed abandoned town road. Please **sign in** at the registration box at the Seymour Road trail head. You can use this road, or the **Cone Trail** along the west side of the road for .8 miles to reach the start of the **West Loop Trail**.

The entire trail system **follows easy grades** and is designed for the **novice and intermediate** cross country hiker/skier/biker. Users are urged to prepare wisely for each outing. **Suitable clothing** should be worn. Take along equipment for a range of weather conditions. It is wise to include an **extra windbreaker as well as a beverage** to avoid dehydration. A compass properly used can be most helpful in finding your way. There are **directional signs** on the trails, however, vandals sometimes confuse users by removing them. **Pay close attention** to the wind chill factor. Carry a quick energy snack to refuel your system if you plan on exercising strenuously. Above all, do not over-tire yourself and **do travel in groups**.

The Cone Trail 0.8 miles

There is a **Japanese larch plantation** on state land at the intersection with the **Carpenter Road**. Proceeding southerly, the next block of trees is white spruce, followed by a block of red pine. Some of these blocks of trees have been managed to facilitate the **production and gathering of cones**, by removing the tops of the trees to induce low branch development. The cones are used for seed extraction for the production of new seedlings at the **Saratoga Nursery**. The open land to the east is privately owned farm land, with a **fine view** of the **Adirondacks** on the eastern horizon. After passing the cone production area, there are other red pine, white spruce and Scotch pine plantings, with interspersed native hardwood trees. The **Seymour Road** leads to two junctions with the West Loop trail and one junction with the **Crossover Trail to the Slivka Road**, another unused town road.

The Return Trail 0.9 miles

This trail forms an alternate method of **accessing or returning from the West Loop**. The trail may be accessed from the Carpenter Road by crossing over the ditch at any point and you are on the trail. Due to the **lack of wind and solar exposure**, this trail **normally will still be usable in the spring**, long after the Cone Trail has melted out. Starting at the West Loop, the trail leads northeast through a stand of hardwoods. It then enters a **block of Scotch pine, red pine and white spruce**. It next enters a Japanese larch stand and then turns southeast, paralleling Carpenter Road until it meets the register.

The West Loop Trail 2.3 miles

This trail traverses a number of picturesque natural forest areas as well as a white spruce plantation. The southern portion of the loop follows, in part, a woods road leading to private lands.

The Short Cut Trail 0.1 miles

As the name implies, this short section of trail begins and ends on the West Loop. It passes through a grove of mixed hardwoods. It enables the user to shorten the trip around the West Loop by 3/4 mile.

The Beaver Pond Trail 0.5 miles

The main attraction of this trail is the beaver pond near which it travels. One can branch off from the West Loop, travel through some spacious hardwoods, until you reach the pond. There, one may stop and ponder the beauty of the beaver pond. Thence the trail continues on south to the Seymour Road.

Mill Creek Run/Jack's Track 1.0 mile

The south fork (Mill Creek Run) of this trail traverses a white spruce plantation and a number of **scenic hardwood and softwood areas** of sugar maple, red maple, balsam fir, red spruce, white cedar, and beech. This provides a scenic view of **Mill Creek**. After the junction with the North Fork (Jack's Track) a white spruce plantation is again encountered along the Slivka Road. There is a steep gorge just west of the intersection which blocks access from the South along the Slivka Road. **Do not attempt to ski** in that direction as the **bridge is out**. You may wish to take the Mill Creek Run on the way over to the Slivka Road and come back on **Jack's Track** for a change of scenery.

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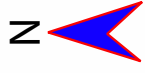


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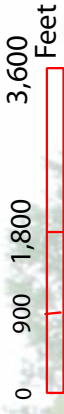


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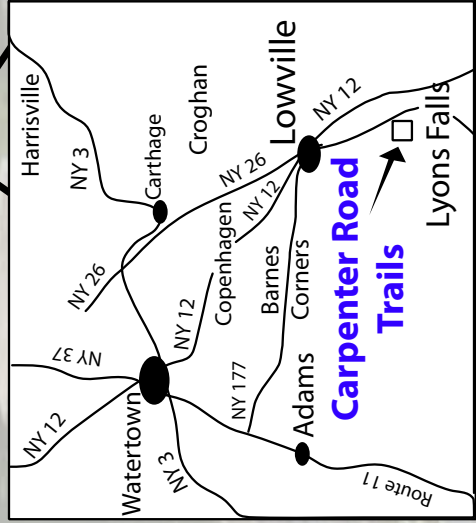
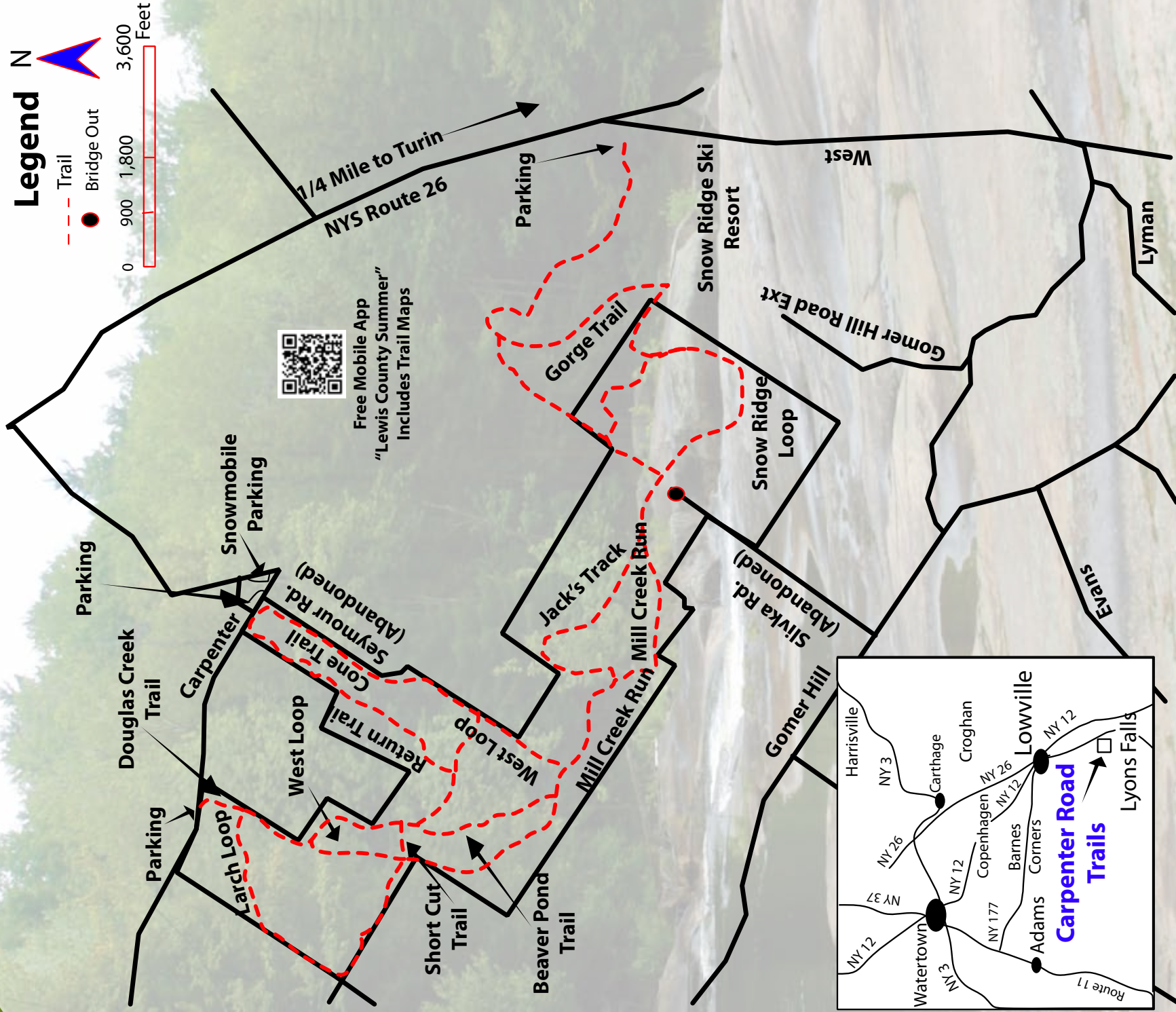
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The Snow Ridge Loop 1.2 miles

This includes a short section of the Slivka Road which joins the terminus of this trail loop. Besides access from the Slivka Road, there is access to the Snow Ridge Loop via cross country ski trails on property owned by Snow Ridge Ski Resort. Snow Ridge, Inc. also maintains cross country ski trails on their property for public use. If these trails are to be used, Snow Ridge, Inc. regulations should be observed.

The Larch Loop/Douglas Creek Trails 1.2 miles

The newest trail in this System can be accessed via the West Loop or by the Carpenter Road parking lot. A fairly steep incline behind the parking area leads to a level trail winding through a mixture of larch and spruce plantation and natural woods. Two wooden bridges cross tributaries to Douglas Creek along this trail.