

QUILL HILL - THE MOUNTAIN

Driving Directions:

- **The Mountain:** Drive approximately one mile north of Belgrade Lakes Village on Route 27. Turn right (east) onto Mountain Drive; a parking area is located at 0.3 miles on the left (north) side of Mountain Drive.
- **Quill Hill:** From the intersection of Route 225 and Route 217, turn down Drury Lane (50 feet down Route 225, then drive 0.2 miles and the trailhead is on your left.

Trail Descriptions

The Mountain Trail system

The Mountain Trail system consists of several trails. The **Main Trail**, 0.8 miles long (270 ft. elevation gain), with shorter loop trails off each side. The main trail, an old county road, leads north from the parking area. This trail is also suitable for skiing. The **Great Pond Trail** (marked by a green arrow) leaves the main trail on the right (east) at 0.4 miles. The **Long Pond Loop** (white arrow) leaves the main trail on the left (west) at 0.5 miles and leads to an open view overlooking Long Pond. The **Outer Loop** runs along the outside of the trail system and provides an excellent walk through the woods with good views of Great Pond through the trees. Hikers may take the Outer Loop or The Main Trail without making any turns to reach the intersection of the Quill Hill or Lampert trails. The snowmobile trail north of this point should not be followed except in the winter under frozen conditions.

Blaisdell Trail - 0.9 miles one-way (170 ft. elevation gain)

The Blaisdell Trail connects Lampert Lane to the Quill Hill Trailhead. The trail travels through mixed hardwood forests, with occasional bridges crossing wet areas. The trail is suitable for walking in the summer and skiing and snowshoeing in the winter.

Lambert Trail - 0.4 miles one-way (190 ft. elevation gain)

The Lampert Trail begins at the northern end of the Outer Loop on The Mountain Trail system, and meanders meanders through forests of hemlock, pine, maple, and birch to Lampert Lane. During the spring, listen for the calls of vireos and thrushes. The trail is steep at times, and rock steps are common - skiing it is not recommended. Instead, skiers should continue north and ski down the snowmobile trail until it reaches Lampert Lane.

Quill Hill Trail – 1.3 miles one-way (230 ft. elevation gain)

This trail features moderate grades and is an excellent choice for hikers of all ages and abilities. From the Drury Lane parking area, proceed following the snowmobile trail through an open field until the Quill Hill Trail breaks away into a mature hemlock forest. Continuing south, the trail joins the Outer Loop Trail on The Mountain.