

# Presidential Range



# Montalban Ridge

Location	Cumulative Distance (miles)	Segment Distance (miles)	Point Altitude (feet)	Cumulative Altitude Gain (feet)	guide-book page(s)
<i>Start: Dolly Copp Road</i>					
Howker Ridge Trail	0	1.0	1225	0	110
Hitchcock Fall	1.0	1.3	1875	650	110
“First Howk”	2.3	0.8	3425	2200	111
Pine Link Trail (lower jct.)	3.1	1.1	3850	2750	111
Jct., Osgood Trail	4.2	0.3	5100	4100	111
<i>Turn R on Osgood Trail, heading West</i>					
Mt. Madison Summit	4.5	0.5	5366	4350	111
<i>Continue West on Osgood Trail</i>					
Madison Hut (water)	5.0	0.3	4285	4350	105
<i>Continue South on Star Lake Trail</i>					
Jct., Buttress Trail	5.3	0.7	4900	4450	118
Mt. Adams Summit	6.0	0.3	5799	5350	118
<i>Continue West on Lowe’s Path</i>					
Thunderstorm Junction (massive cairn)	6.3	0.1	5490	5350	127
(Thunderstorm Junction is the intersection of Lowe’s Path/Gulfside Trail/Great Gully Trail)					
<i>Continue Southwest on Gulfside Trail (Appalachian Trail)</i>					
N. Jct., Israel Ridge Path	6.4	0.5	5475	5350	85
(Gulfside Trail coincides with Israel Ridge Path for 0.5 mile)					
S. Jct., Israel Ridge Path	6.9	0.7	5225	5350	85
Edmands Col	7.6	0.2	4938	5350	85
<i>Bear Right onto Mt. Jefferson Loop</i>					
Start of Jefferson Loop	7.8	0.4	5125	5550	85
Mt. Jefferson Summit	8.2	0.3	5716	6150	90
South Jct., Gulfside Trail	8.5	0.1	5375	6150	90
<i>Rejoin Gulfside Trail, heading South</i>					
Jct., The Cornice (trail)	8.6	0.5	5325	6150	85
Sphinx Trail	9.1	0.1	4975	6150	85
(Note: water [spring] available just off Sphinx Trail [to the N] about 0.1 mi. from Sphinx/Gulfside jct. [see p.102 & W’bn. map])					
Mt. Clay Loop, North End	9.2	0.5	5025	6200	85
Mt. Clay Summit	9.7	0.7	5533	6700	90
South Jct., Gulfside Trail	10.4	0.1	5400	6850	90
<i>Rejoin Gulfside Trail, heading South</i>					
Jct., Westside Trail	10.5	0.9	5500	6950	85
<i>Bear Right (South) on Westside Trail</i>					
Jct., Crawford Path (Appalachian Trail)	11.4	0.9	5625	7100	34
(The Crawford Path is “considered to be the oldest continuously maintained footpath in America” [p.38])					
<i>Bear R v. soon after Westside/Crawford jct., to stay on Crawford Path. Southside Trail/Davis Path turns L after 50 yds.</i>					
<i>Continue South on Crawford Path</i>					
Lakes of the Clouds Hut (water)	12.3	0.1	5012	7100	42
Jct., Mt. Monroe Loop	12.4	0.3	5075	7160	43
<i>Mount Monroe Loop</i>					
Mt. Monroe Summit	12.7	0.4	5372	7510	43
Jct. Crawford Path	13.1	0.8	5075	7510	42–43
<i>Continue North (turn-around) on Crawford Path</i>					
LoTC Hut — NB: Last water for a while	13.9	0.2	5012	7570	43
Jct., Camel Trail	14.1	0.7	5125	7680	33
<i>Continue East on Camel Trail</i>					
Jct., Davis Path	14.8	0.1	5475	8030	33

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<i>Continue South on Davis Path (with side-trips) all the way to Crawford Notch</i>					
Jct., Lawn Cutoff	14.9	0.6	5475	8040	33, 58
Jct., Boott Spur Trail	15.5	0.5	5425	8040	58
Jct., Glen Boulder Trail	16.0	1.6	5175	8140	58
Jct., Isolation Trail (West Branch)	17.6	0.3	4150	8140	58
Jct., Isolation Trail (East Branch)	17.9	0.9	3850	8390	58
<i>Stay straight (South) on the Davis Path</i>					
Jct., Mt. Isolation Spur Path (Spur path is "signed, but easily missed")	18.8	0.1 [0.14]	3950	8540	58
Mount Isolation via Spur Path (r/t)	18.9	1.2	4003	8590	57
<i>Continue South on the Davis Path</i>					
Jct., Mt. Davis Spur Path	20.1	0.4	3750	9390	58
Mount Davis via Spur Path (r/t)	20.5	4.1	3819	9460	57
<i>Continue South on the Davis Path</i>					
Jct., Giant Stairs Spur Path	24.6	0.4	3450	9460	58
Stairs Mtn. via Spur Path (r/t)	25.0	0.4	3463	9470	57
<i>Continue South on the Davis Path</i>					
<i>This section is technical and the guidebook warns of a drop-off... be careful</i>					
<i>The trail will make a sharp Left turn (Southeast) not far after resuming the Davis Path</i>					
Jct., Stairs Col Trail	25.4	0.3	3040	9470	58
Jct., Mount Parker Trail	25.7	1.5	3040	9670	58
<i>Stay on Davis Path, don't make hard Left onto Mt. Parker Trail; don't take side path to Resolution Shelter, except note that water be available behind Resolution Shelter; see p. 56.</i>					
Jct., Mt. Crawford Spur Path	27.2	0.6	2900	9670	58
Mt. Crawford via Spur Path (r/t)	27.8	2.2	3119	9890	56,58
Suspension Bridge to Parking area	30.0	0	1000	9890	58
<b>Finish:</b> US Rte. 302, Crawford Notch (One mile short of 50km, but ascent aplenty.)					

- Guidebook is *AMC White Mountain Guide*, 27th edition, 2003.
- This route description is intended for use in conjunction with maps. The excellent Washburn map covers most of this itinerary, but the southern portions are not on that map. The maps that come with the guidebook cover all the terrain.
- Mileages and elevations are taken from the guidebook.
- On spur trips, segment distance is for the round trip ("r/t"), but the point altitude is for the high point. Remember, the segment distance is for the segment you are *beginning* when standing at that point. The convention for the spur segments is that the "segment distance" refers to segment to be begun when the spur r/t is complete. So the segment distance of any spur r/t itself is listed on the previous line. This is clear when, as intended, the description is matched to the map.
- This trip plan is provided with **no warranty**, neither express nor implied.