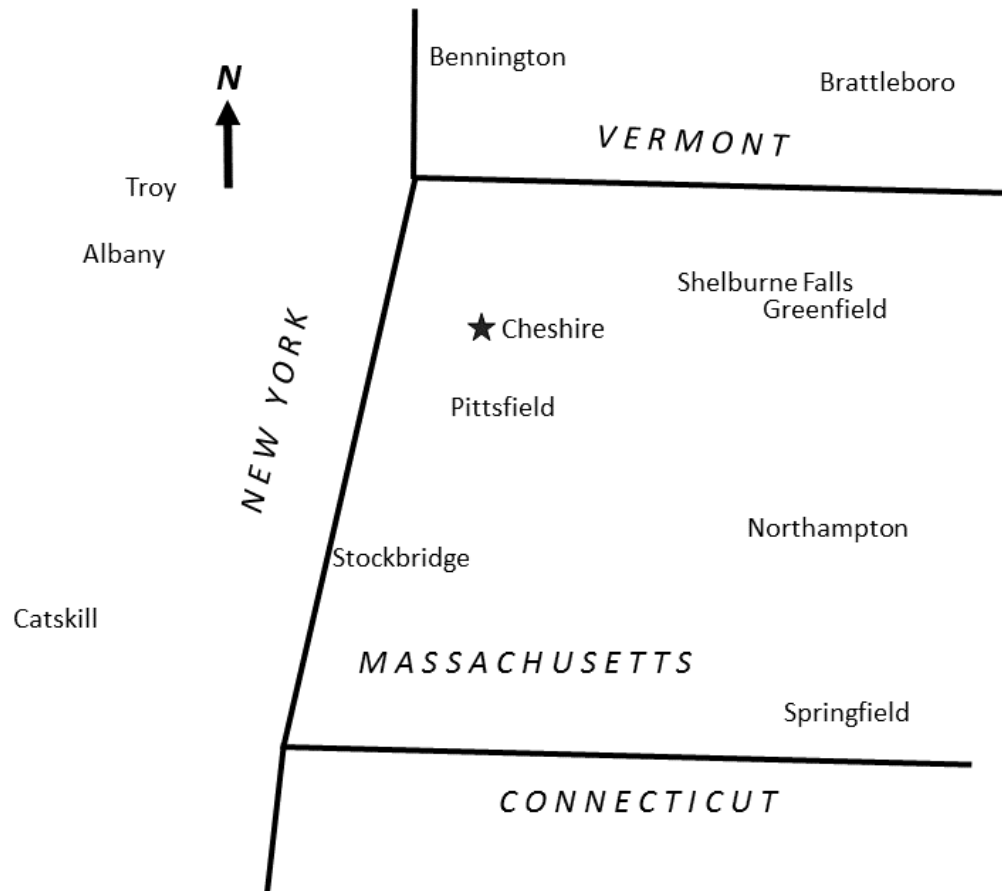


**5km/10km/13km APPALACHIAN TRAIL HIKE
CHESHIRE COBBLES AND GORE POND
CHESHIRE, MASSACHUSETTS**

EVENT ID: 2018/Y2177

Open: April 1 to October 31, 2018



TRAIL DESCRIPTION:

All 5km, 10km, & 13km hikers will head southward on the Appalachian Trail and climb up Weston Mountain to "The Cobbles," a rocky perch which offers spectacular views of the Cheshire reservoir below, Mount Greylock to the north, and Ragged Mountain to the right. The 10km and 13km hike route continues further south and up North Mountain. For 13km hikers, continue southward to Gore Pond, a tranquil spot to linger before retracing your path north.

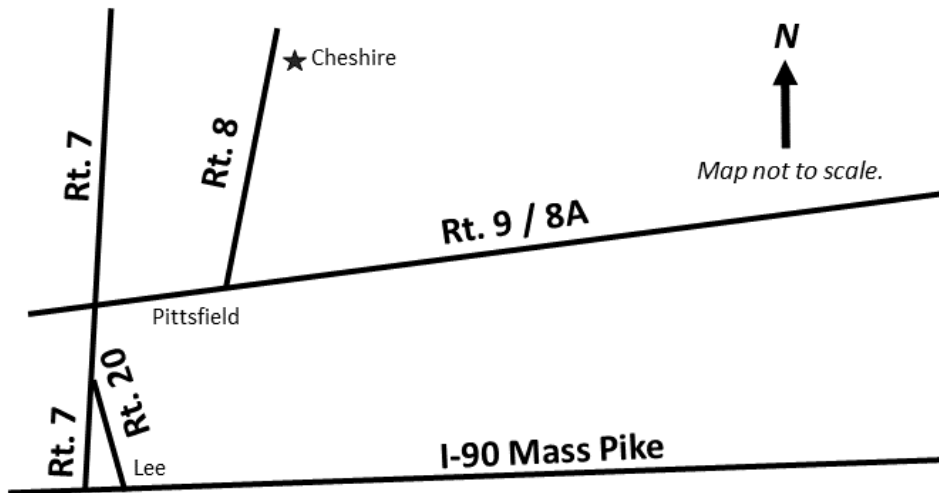
TRAIL RATING:

Route is on natural surface hiking trail and has an AVA rating of 4E. This strenuous hiking trail is NOT suitable for strollers or wheelchairs.

AWARD: This is an IVV Credit Only event with online registration only (www.cva4u.org). The online system does not allow Free walkers, a minimal charge is incurred for directions.

AVA SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

- Appalachian Trail
- Ice Cream Parlor: Diane's Twist (13 Main Street)
- Walking the USA A – Z: C for Cheshire

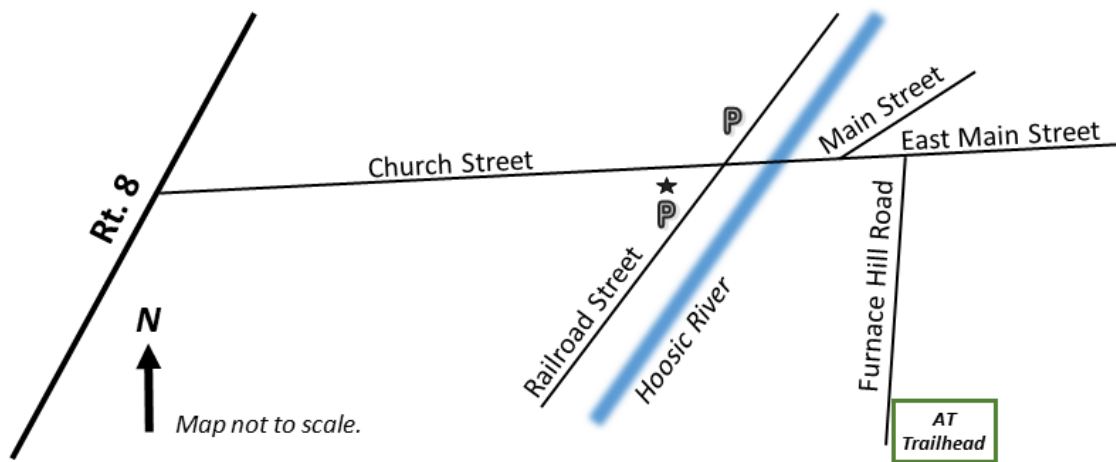


DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From junction of MA Rt. 9 and MA Rt. 8 in the Allendale section of Pittsfield, MA, travel north on MA Rt. 8 for 7.3 miles to traffic signal at Church Street. Turn RIGHT onto Church St. and follow for 0.4 miles. After passing the Cheshire Post Office (GPS address: 214 Church Street, Cheshire, MA; star on map below), the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail parking area (GPS coordinates: 42° 33.745’N, 73° 09.399’W) is on the RIGHT, additional parking on the LEFT.

Hike directions begin from the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail parking area.

PARKING: in Ashuwillticook Rail Trail parking area or wherever parking is available in town.



GENERAL APPALACHIAN TRAIL NOTES:

- Appalachian Trail is marked with **white rectangular blazes**. **Double blaze markings denote a turn**. When the higher double blaze is on the left, it means turn left. If the higher double blaze is on the right, turn right.
- Be aware that **rain and snow can make footing on the trail treacherous** whereas **summer heat and humidity can be oppressive**.
- We recommend sturdy hiking boots and trekking poles or a hiking staff.
- There are no services on the trail so **you must carry water and food**.
- Pets are allowed on the Appalachian Trail, but **must be kept on leashes six feet or shorter**.
- **Be aware of bears** as they are often seen on the Appalachian Trail in MA.
- For **updated information on trail conditions**, please see www.appalachiantrail.org/home/explore-the-trail/trail-updates

HIKE DIRECTIONS:

1. **Exit parking lot for** Ashuwillticook Rail Trail and walk short distance to Church Street.
2. **TURN** on Church Street to go downhill, crossing the Hoosic River.

Note: white rectangular blazes on utility poles designate Appalachian Trail in town of Cheshire.

3. Stay **RIGHT** at Y intersection of Main St. and East Main St. to continue walking up on East Main Street.
4. **RIGHT** on Furnace Hill Road for approximately 0.4km.
5. **LEFT** into woods at private drive, following white blazed Appalachian Trail.
6. Continue following white blazes, heading uphill and crossing several tote roads.
7. **LEFT** after passing massive boulders and walking up stone steps to follow BLUE blazed Cobbles Overlook Trail to exposed bedrock. (Enjoy the spectacular view of the Cheshire Reservoir!)
8. **RETRACE** steps to main trail.

9A. **5km hikers: RIGHT** to follow white blazed trail to descend hill back to Furnace Hill Road. Continue at #13.

9B. **10km & 13km hikers:** Slight **LEFT**, then **STRAIGHT** to continue following white blazed trail.

10. After approximately 1.3km, the trail crosses the first of four streams. Continue on the A.T., crossing three more streams for a total of four.

11. Approximately 0.4km after the fourth stream, there are two wooden planks along the trail. This is the **10km TURNAROUND**.

13km hikers continue on white blazed trail for about 1.2km to Gore Pond, which is 13km TURNAROUND.

12. **RETRACE** steps along white blazed trail to Furnace Hill Road.

13. **RIGHT** on Furnace Hill Road to East Main Street.

14. **LEFT** on E. Main Street, which turns into Church St. crossing over the Hoosic River.

15. **LEFT** into Ashuwillticook Rail Trail parking area to end your walk.

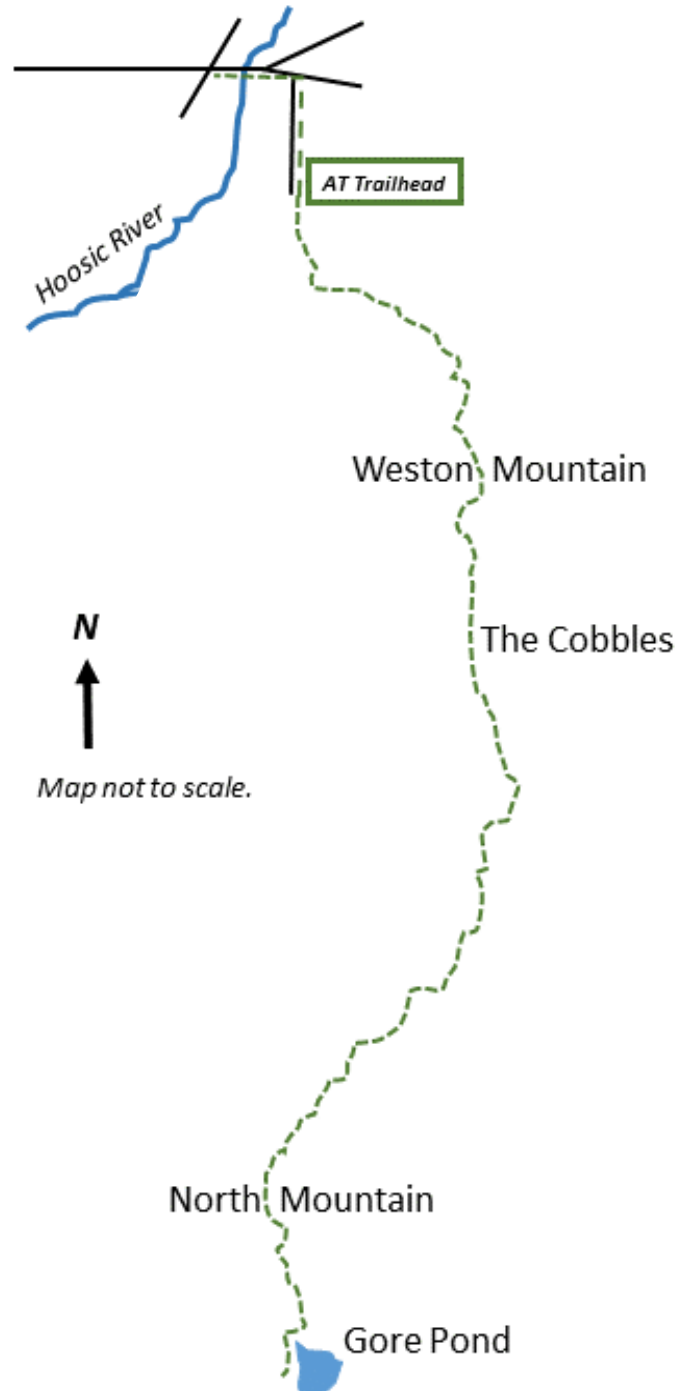
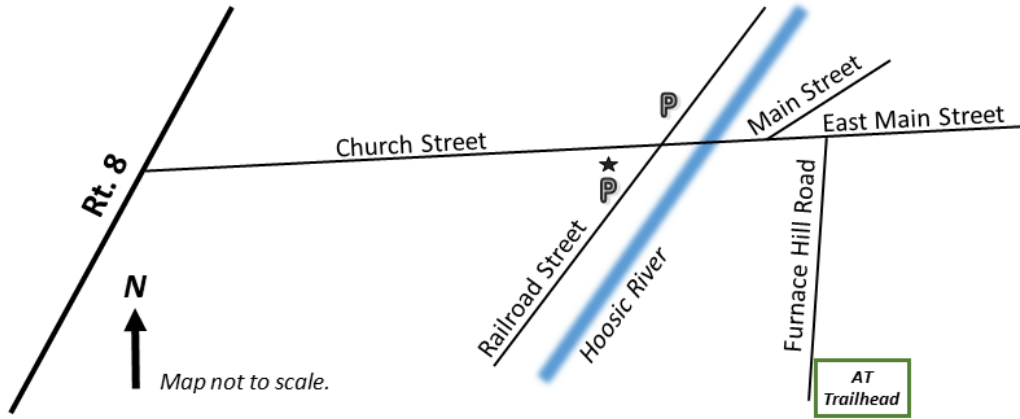
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HIKE MAPS:



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