

# Headin' Up to Whiteface

**Note:** Trails 1, 2, 3 qualify in your quest to climb all 46 high peaks; 4 and 5 are for short-cutting only. Use the ADK High Peaks Region guidebook for details about trails 1,2, and 3 on this map (trails 81, 82, and 83 in the ADK guidebook)

Drive to the top of the highway and park; walk back down the highway to the "Wilmington Turn" (the second hairpin turn you drove through on the way up) - then pick up the "Red" state trail from there. You'll start out in low forest, but after about 5 min will break thru the tree line and be waling along the NE arête to the summit. Very scenic, few people.

Connery Pond approach: 6 mi one way; 3232' ascent - leanto at 3.6 mi from start. Parking for trailhead on Rte 86 just west of bridge.

Whiteface Ski Center approach: buy a gondola ticket and travel to the top of Little Whiteface in comfort; hike up the upper ski trails (Excelsior, then Paron's Run) to the topmost part of Paron's Run (at the top of the Summit Quad chair lift); here. Look for the trail turning left into the bush. Part way up, expect a rope hanging over a cliff - please use this, and do not detour (causes trail erosion). Just past the rope, you'll break out above tree line and can see the summit. Pay attention as you ascend, as finding this trail on the way down can be tricky (miss the turn back to the ski center, and you've on your way towards Whiteface Landing and a good 6 miles out of your way!). Ascent about 1600'; 1.2 miles one way.

Atmospheric Sciences Center approach up old Marble Mtn ski tow - entrance about 1 km uphill from "North Pole".

"Reservoir trail" from Wilmington. Look for DEC sign on highway about 1 km from 4 corners in Wilmington. 5.2 mi one way; 3620' ascent.

