

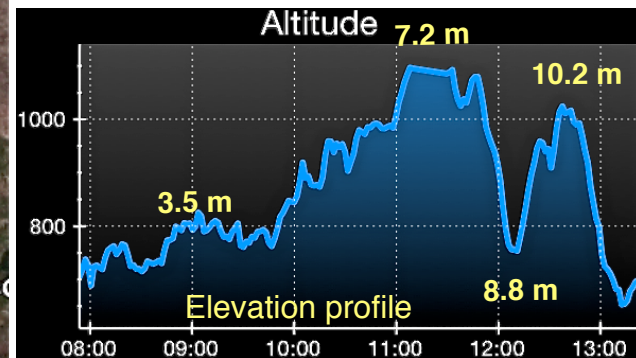
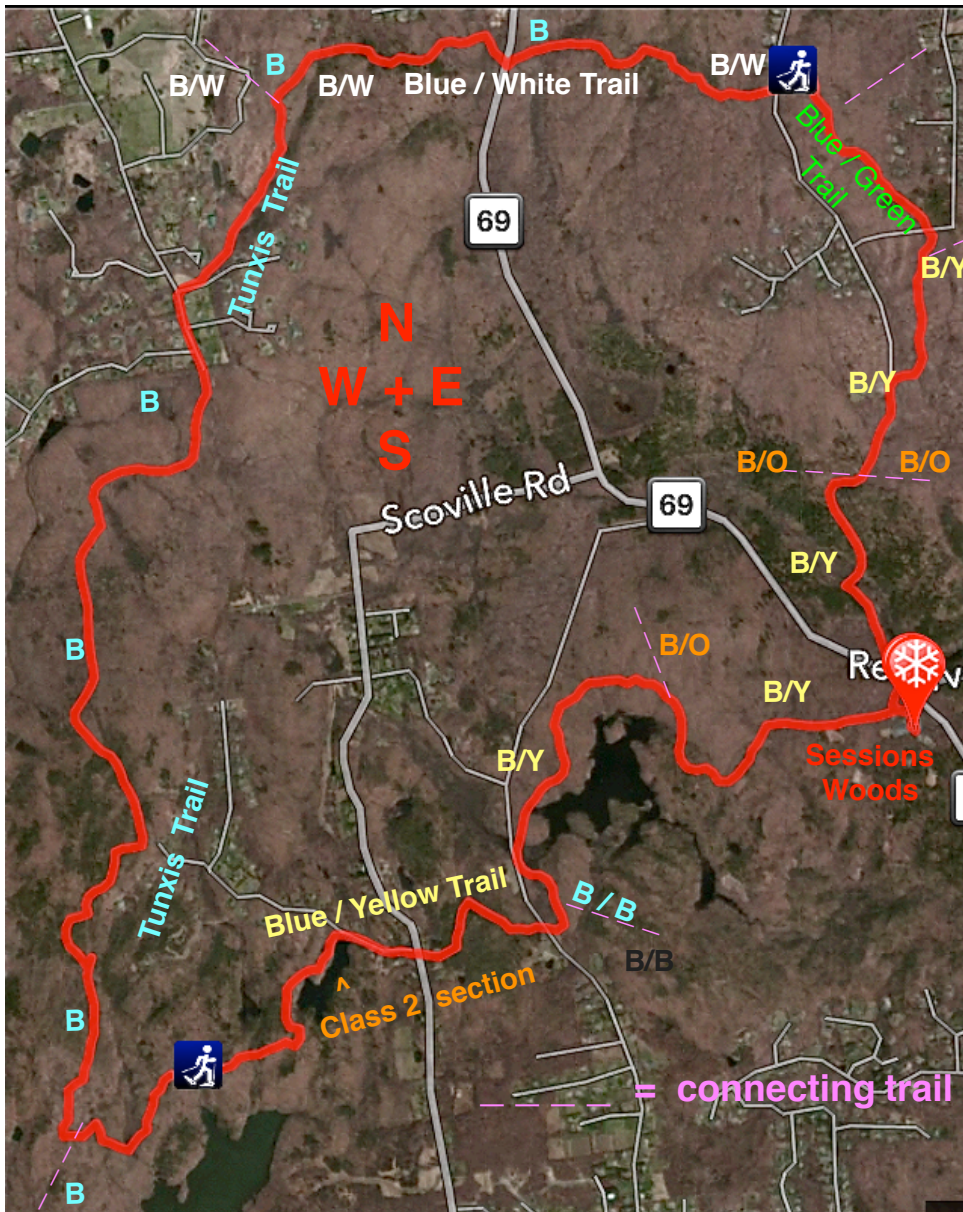
The Grand Loop

Class 2

12.2 miles

2,650' vertical

6.2 hours



Mileage summary

hike B/Y west over 4 Class 2 pitches >
turn right onto B at 4.4 >
turn right onto B/W at 8.0 >
turn right onto B/G trail at 9.8 >
turn right onto B/Y at 10.4 >
return to your car at 12.2

The hike begins at the SW corner of the Sessions Woods parking lot (41.732830, -72.955389). Hike NW past their gate to find the Blue / Yellow Trail. Continue west on this wide trail to 0.6 miles, where you turn right to stay on the B/Y Trail. At 1.0 miles go straight past the Blue / Orange Trail junction (B/O). At 2.0 continue past the Blue / Black Trail junction (B/B) and then cross East Chippens Hill Road. At 2.7 miles you reach West Chippens Hill Rd (Please respect the property owner by staying along the edge of his lawn & center of his driveway). At 2.9 the B/Y Trail turns left off of Greer Rd. At 3.5 you reach the Mile of Ledges which contains 4 Class 2 ascents. (It would be best to experience the Mile of Ledges before this hike) At 4.4 miles turn right at the junction with the Tunxis Trail, marked with a Blue blaze (B) and pass by Tory's Den at 4.5 miles. Continue north on B passing the Connector to Greer Road at 5.5 miles and merging onto Johnnycake Mountain Road at 7.2. At 7.4 turn right onto Old Field Rd & look for the left turn of the Blue trail into the woods before the first driveway. At 8.0 turn right 90° and merge with the Blue / White Trail (B/W). At 8.8 miles you cross route 69, turning left for 50 yards to stay on the B/W & B trail before turning east into the forest. At 9.1 the B and B/W trails merge with the White / Yellow mountain bike trail to cross a narrow bridge. The B and B/W trails gradually ascend east, while the White / Yellow mountain bike trail turns south. At 9.3 miles the B and B/W separate. Continue straight on the B/W & cross Cornwall Rd at 9.7. The right turn onto the Blue/Green Trail comes up quick at 9.8. Ascend your last big hill, before the 90° right turn onto the B/Y trail at 10.4 miles which will take you back to your car at 12.2 miles. (Reading the end of the Figure 8 Loop provides good detail of the last 1.8 miles on the Blue / Yellow Trail).