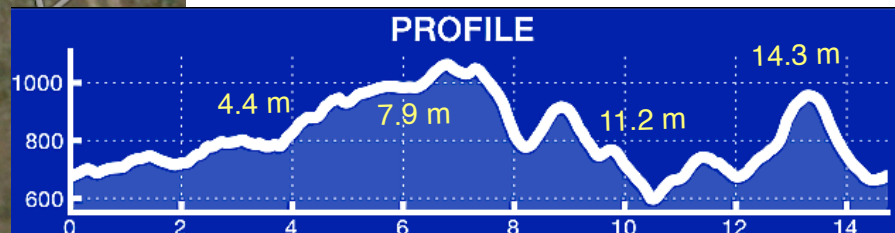


The Mega Loop: Class 2 16.0 miles 3,800' vertical 8.5 hours

The Mega Loop is a combination of the Grand Loop & GAY Loop, minus the Blue / Green Trail. The text below for the Mega Loop is simplified because you probably already did these hikes. If not, the best directions would be found on the Grand Loop and GAY Loop hike links.

The text below describes a one day MEGA hike using one car. It might easier to do the Mega hike in 2 days (8.6 mile + 7.4 mile) by parking a car at Sessions Woods and at the route 69 crossing.



The hike begins at Sessions Wood's kiosk (41.732830, -72.955389). Hike the Blue / Yellow Trail (B/Y) west. At 2.0 continue past the Blue / Black Trail junction. At 2.7 you reach West Chippens Hill Rd (Please respect the property owner by staying along the edge of his lawn & center of his driveway). At 3.5 the Blue / Yellow Trail reaches a series of 4 Class 2 steep pitches called the Mile of Ledges. At 4.4 turn right onto the Blue blazed Tunxis Trail (B). Continue north on B merging onto Johnnycake Mountain Road at 7.1. At 7.3 turn right onto Old Field Road and look for the left turn into the woods before the first driveway. Continue north on B and at 7.9 turn right at the junction with the Blue / White Trail (B/W). The Blue and Blue / White trails combine here and cross route 69 at 8.6 miles. Turn left following the road for 50 yards, before turning east as the B and B/W return to the woods. At 9.0 the B & B/W trail separate. while you continue east on the B / W and cross Cornwall Rd at 9.5. Continue straight past the junction with the Blue / Green Trail at 9.6 miles. The B/W crosses George Washington Turnpike at 10.3 miles and reaches the junction with the B/Y at 11.2 miles. Turn right, passing the junction with the Blue / Purple Trail and cross Punch Brook Road at 11.7 miles. At 12.7 miles, continue straight past another junction with the Blue / Purple Trail, to follow the B / Y onto Stone Road. Follow the B/Y along Stone Road, taking a sharp right into Nassahegan State Forest at 13.5. At 14.3 miles, you begin to descend and pass the junction with the Blue / Green Trail. Continue on the B/Y and at 15.4 miles cross the Blue / Orange trail (B/O). Continue on the B / Y trail to return to your car at 16.0 miles.

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hike B/Y west reaching the 4 Class 2 pitches at 3.5 >
turn right onto B at 4.4 > turn right onto B/W at 7.9 >
turn right onto B/Y at 11.2 > return to your car at 16.0