

17. Woodland Valley State Campground to Phoenicia

Feature: Road Walking

Distance: 5.75 miles

USGS Map Quad: Phoenicia

Trail Conference Maps: Map 43, Southern Catskill Trails, Map 42, Central Catskill Trails, and Map 43, Northeastern Catskill Trails

General Description

Long Path follows paved roads in this section. The trail runs along Woodland Creek much of the way through a narrow, mountainous corridor. After Woodland Creek intersects Esopus Creek, the trail continues east along Esopus Creek, and crosses the Esopus into the Village of Phoenicia.

Access

Take the New York State Thruway to Exit 19 (Kingston). Follow NY Route 28 west for 23 miles to Phoenicia. Turn right at the second turn to Phoenicia (Bridge Street). Follow Bridge Street to just before the railroad tracks, and turn left onto High Street. Follow High Street and then Woodland Valley Road 5.5 miles to the Woodland Valley State Campground.

Parking

0.00 Woodland Valley State Campground (parking fee charged in season). (18T 553205E 4653970N)

5.75 Village of Phoenicia (parking available on Main Street or behind the Phoenicia Pharmacy on NY Route 214). (18T 556830E 4659268N)

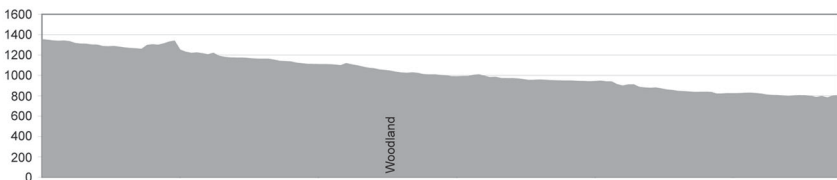
Camping

0.00 Woodland Valley State Campground (fee charged).

Trail Description

0.00 From the Woodland Valley State Campground, proceed eastward on Woodland Valley Road.

1.30 Pass an old swinging suspension bridge to the right. This was the original route of the Wittenberg-Cornell-Slide Trail (and Long Path) over Terrace



Mountain, but was abandoned some years ago when the private landowner along the creek closed the trail.

2.10 Pass Fawn Hill on the left.

3.85 Cross Panther Kill.

4.20 Cross Woodland Creek.

4.60 Herdman Road comes in from the left. Continue straight ahead.

4.70 To the left, an old bridge, now closed to vehicular traffic, crosses Esopus Creek. The Long Path continues ahead on High Street, which runs parallel to Esopus Creek. It crosses under NY Route 28 and intersects Bridge Street.

5.60 The Long Path turns left on Bridge Street, crosses the railroad tracks and then Esopus Creek, and enters Phoenicia. The railroad tracks, formerly the route of the Ulster and Delaware Railroad, are now operated by a local tourist short-line, the Catskill Mountain Railroad. The Ulster and Delaware once brought trainloads of tourists to this portion of the Catskills. Today, the Catskill Mountain Railroad ferries tubers from Mt. Pleasant to Phoenicia.

5.75 Reach Main Street in Phoenicia (Ulster County Route 40). To the left is the center of Phoenicia. While just two blocks long, it is well worth the detour. It is the home of several restaurants and a number of antique shops. There is also a grocery and a general store here for backpackers to resupply. To continue on the Long Path, turn right and proceed eastward on Main Street (Ulster County Route 40).