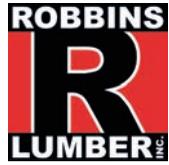


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DIRECTIONS TO THE TRAILHEADS

The north trailhead is located adjacent to RobbinsLumber. From the intersection of Routes 131 and 173 in Searsmont village, travel south on Route 131 for 1.7 miles to Ghent Road on the left. Travel 0.25 miles on Ghent Road to the parking area on the right, just after crossing the bridge. The trailhead is on the opposite side of the river.

The south trailhead is located at the Appleton Preserve parking area. From the intersection of Routes 17 and 131 in Union, travel north on 131 for 7.8 miles. Turn right onto 105, and the parking area is 0.4 miles ahead on your right.

The east trailhead is located adjacent to Robbins Lumber. From the intersection of Routes 131 and 173 in Searsmont village, travel south on Route 131 for 1.7 miles to Ghent Road on the left. Travel 0.25 miles on Ghent Road to the parking area on the right, just after crossing the bridge. The trailhead is on the opposite side of the river.

The west trailhead is on a discontinued road in Searsmont. From the center of Searsmont (Fraternity Village Store), head west on Route 173 (Woodmans Mill Road). Travel 2 miles to Ripley Corner Road on the left (see map). Please park on the shoulder of Ripley Corner Road; visitors must walk in via the old woods road over an iron bridge. The old road forks and the trail entrance is inbetween the fork with blue blazes marking the entrance.

CANAL PATH & RIDGE TO RIVER TRAIL

Searsmont, ME

The Canal Path is a pleasant and meandering trail through a white pine-dominated forest and alongside the Georges River. The trail is linked to the Ridge to River Trail to the north and Appleton Preserve to the south.

The upper portion of the trail traces a section of the historic Georges River Canal dating back to the late 1700's. There are interpretive displays along the way describing the aspects of the canal system that are still visible today. This part of the trail also features a self-guided tour that highlights the sustainable forestry practices of Robbins Lumber Company.

The lower portion of the Canal Path features extensive riverside hiking along a wild and

The Ridge to River Trail is a pleasant and meandering trail that divides itself between a white pine-dominated forest alongside the Georges River and the fantastic views atop Appleton Ridge. The trail is linked to the Gibson Preserve to the north and the Canal Path to the south.

The upper portion of the trail follows a section of the Saint George River. Along the way you'll notice the remnants of an old bridge crossing the river. The lower portion of the trail offers fantastic views of the river valley atop Appleton Ridge that are well worth the extra effort.

Leave No Trace™

on the Georges Highland Path

- Stay on the trail to minimize erosion and protect sensitive plant life.
- Carry out what you carry in.
- Be considerate to wildlife and your fellow hikers by keeping your pets leashed.
- Please leave flowers, plants, and rocks undisturbed.
- Respect others using the trail today...and tomorrow.

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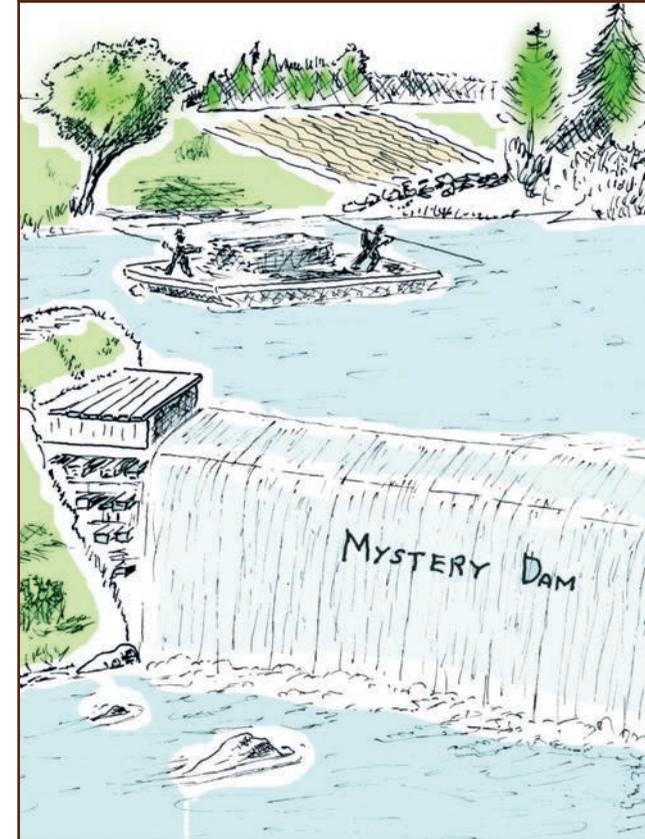
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RECREATIONAL USES



LENGTH
3 miles, one way

DIFFICULTY
Moderate



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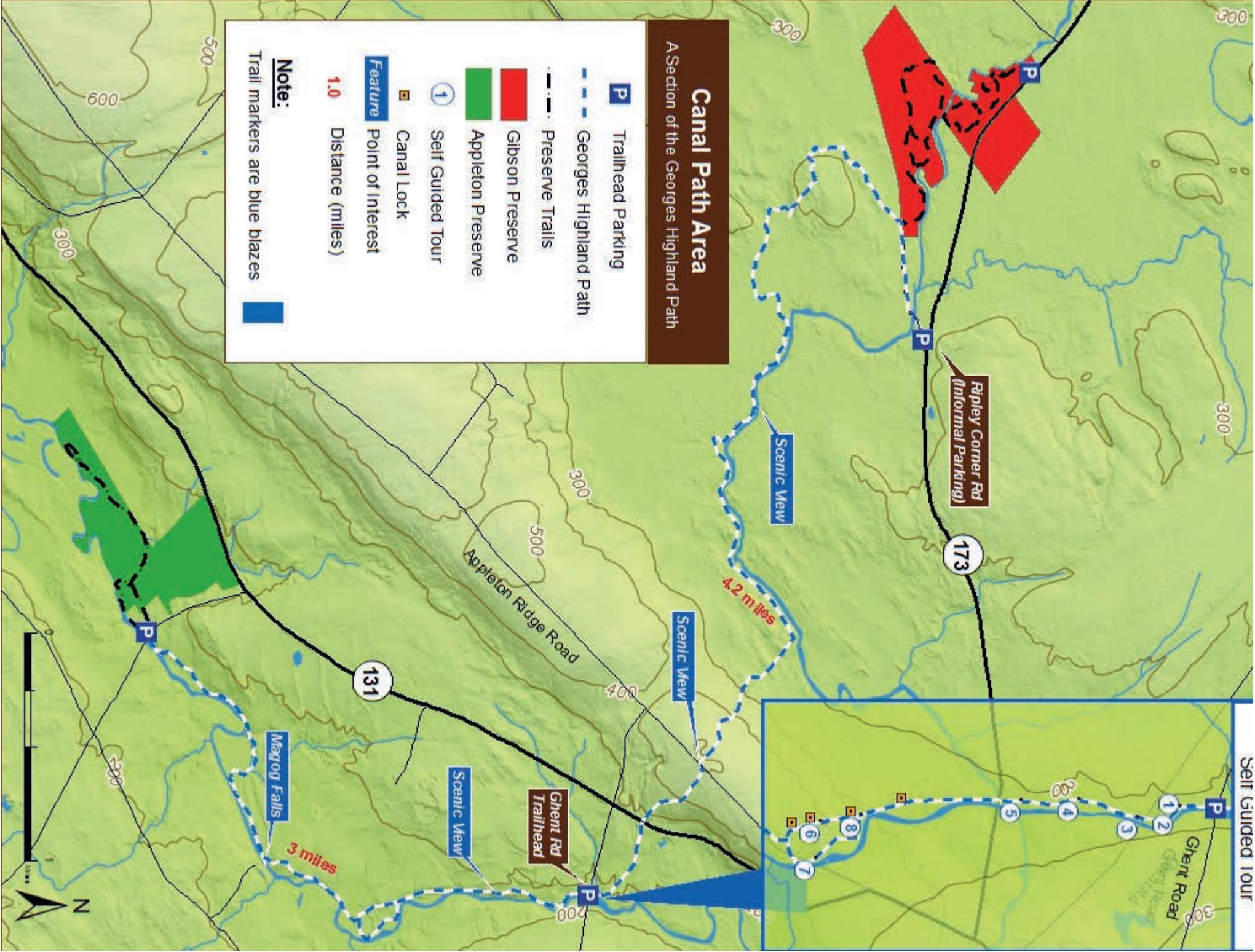
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