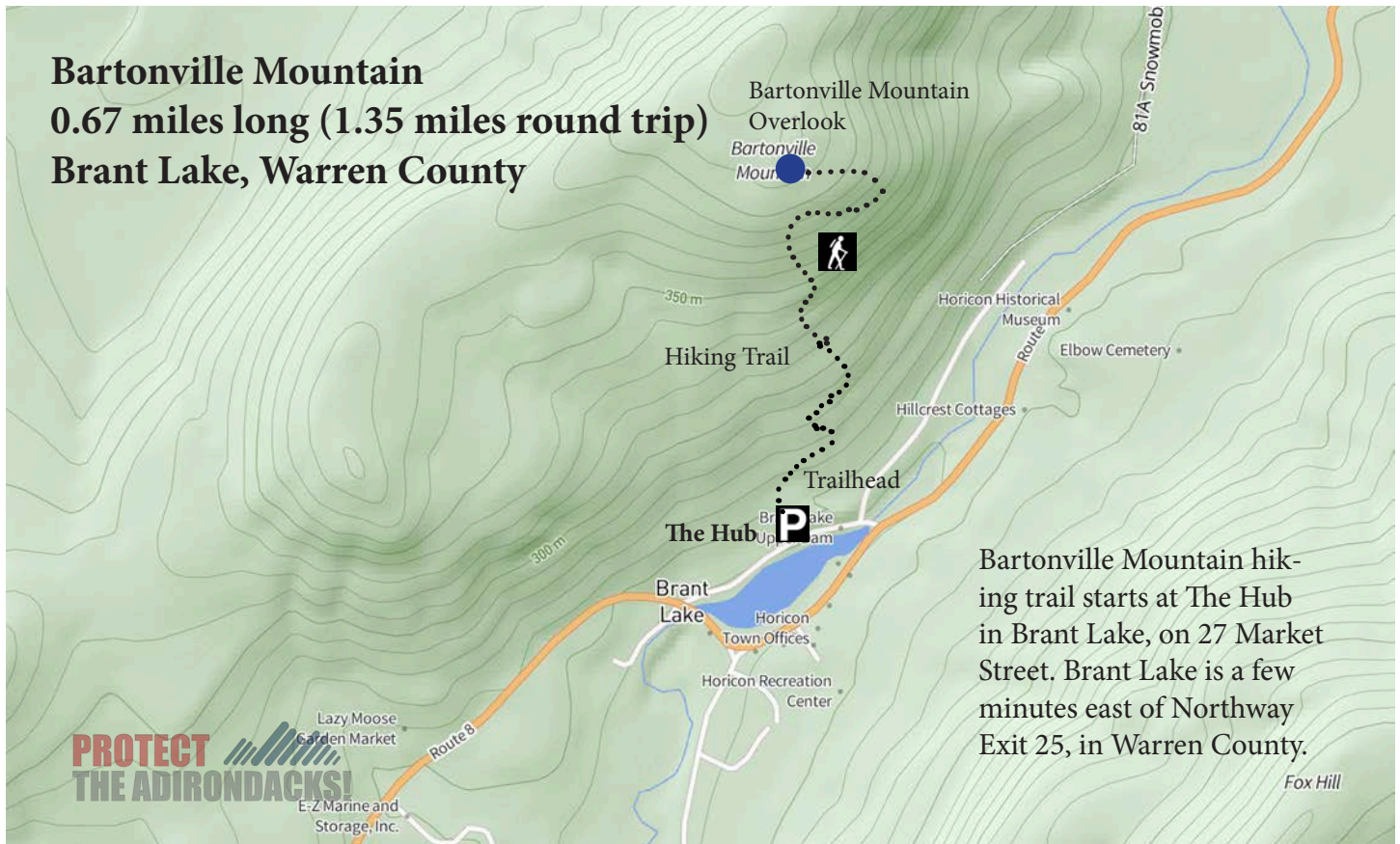


Bartonville Mountain



Bartonville Mountain is a hiking and mountainbiking trail that's on private land and open to the public as part of The Hub bike shop, restaurant, and bar in Brant Lake. The Hub serves food and drink, and repairs bicycles. The Hub is located on 27 Market Street on the pond in downtown Brant Lake. The hiking trail up Bartonville Mountain is an easy 0.67 mile hike to a scenic overlook that provides terrific views of Brant Lake and the surrounding ridges and mountains.

The Hub has built the hiking trail and a network of mountainbike trails on Bartonville Mountain. The trails are all new and were built by Wilderness Property Management in North Creek. The hiking trail starts right behind The Hub, where sandwiches and drinks can be purchased for a picnic at the top, or where folks can find refreshments after the hike. The Hub has plenty of parking.

The trail up Bartonville Mountain starts at the "Jack & Jill" trailhead located just behind The Hub. The Hub also provides an array of mountainbike trails, and the two run together at the beginning. Hikers should step off the



trail and give way to mountainbikers. Soon the Jack & Jill trail shoots right and offers a view of the pond in front of the restaurant and downtown Brant Lake.

The trail is marked with red “foot trail” markers. The surrounding forest is a mid-succession northern hardwood forest, and there are many hemlocks at the lower sections and oaks around the clearings. The trail has a number of switchbacks and gently gains elevation. At about the halfway point, the trail passes through a scenic clearing with open bedrock.

The trail then runs in a straight line with stretches on bedrock for 0.2 miles and soon arrives at its destination in a beautiful grassy and rocky clearing on the hillside that provides sweeping views of Brant Lake and the distant mountains in the Pharaoh Lake Wilderness. There are plenty of places to sit and relax in the grass or on the abundant open bedrock.

The trail itself continues beyond this point but yields no further views. The mountainbike trails also connects to the scenic vista. Hikers that continue on these trails should know that they are primarily mountainbike trails. The hike down follows the Jack & Jill trail to The Hub.

Bartonville Mountain is a short and easy hike with a big reward from the scenic vista at the top. Combined with the food and beverages at The Hub, which has ample seating inside and out, this is a terrific hike for people of all ages and abilities.

Help Protect the Forest Preserve and Be Prepared When You Hike: Please follow “carry in, carry out” rules for all trash and follow other **Leave No Trace** principles when hiking in the public Forest Preserve and other wild areas. The seven Leave No Trace principles are: 1) Plan ahead and prepare; 2) Stay on hiking trails and camp at designated areas; 3) Dispose of human waste and trash properly; 4) Leave what you find; 5) Minimize campfires; 6) Respect wildlife; 7) Respect other hikers. **Educated and prepared hikers do not damage the environment or need search and rescue unless injured.**