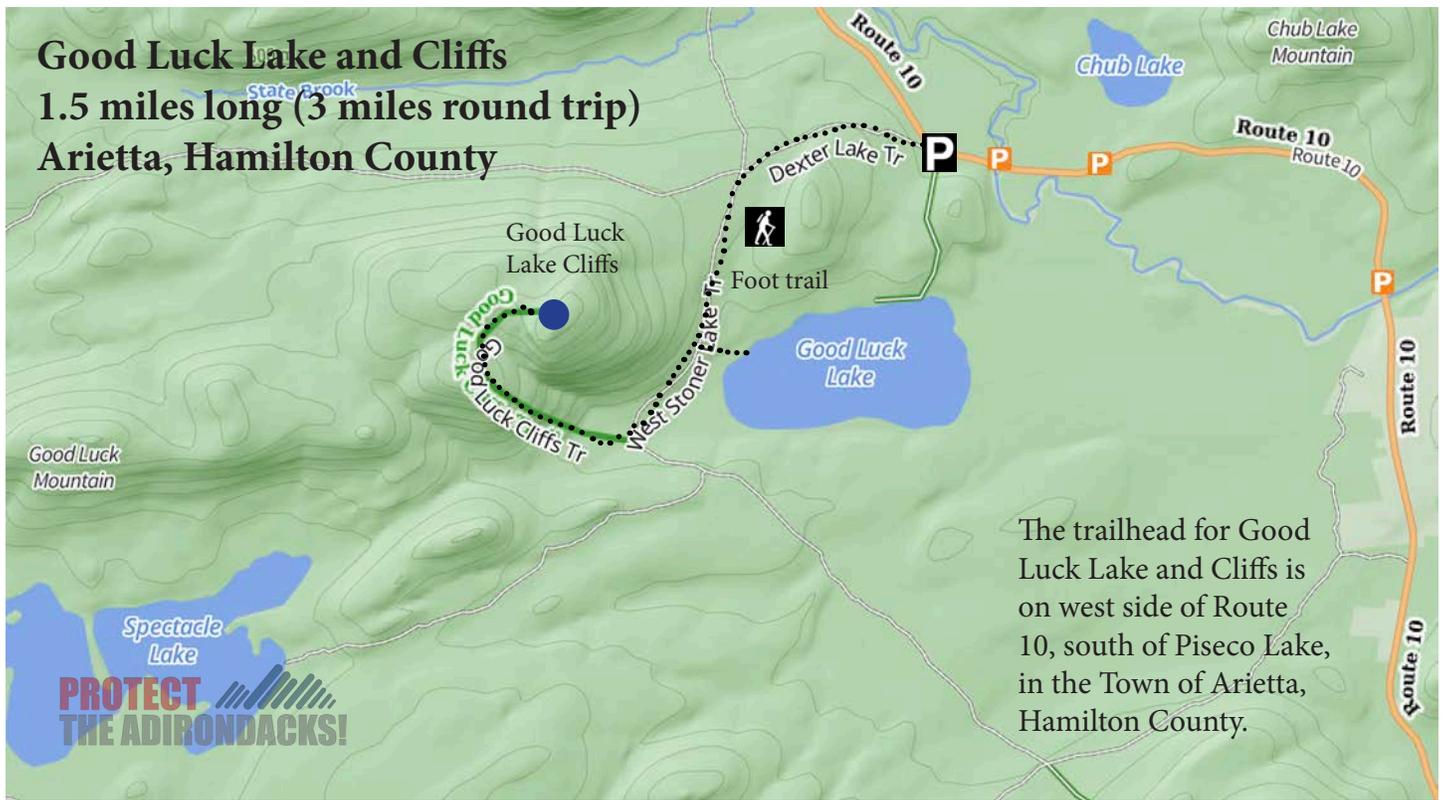


Good Luck Lake



The 1.5 miles Good Luck Lake and Cliffs trail is a popular hike located off of Route 10 south of Piseco Lake in the Town of Arietta in Hamilton County. The trail is located in the Jessup River Wild Forest Area in the public Forest Preserve. This hike leads to a campsite on Good Luck Lake as well as a short but steep climb up to the cliffs which offer an excellent view of the lake and the forests and rolling hills to the south.

The parking area is on the east side of Route 10, and the trailhead is on the west side. The trail is well marked, well worn, and easy to follow. The trailhead register is on the west side of Route 10.

The trail passes mostly through hardwood forests, heavy with beech and maple, except for the summit of the cliffs, which has white pine and spruce, and the lakeside that is dominated by larch, white pine, and cedar. The trail is mostly flat, with a few rolling hills.

There is a campsite on the lake that is primitive with a fire pit. Water access to the lake is via a short herd path across a stretch of bog to the water's edge. This is a floating bog with noticeable bounce, jump on it to see the land ripple around you.

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The trail that leads to the cliffs is steep and frequently bordered by beautiful erratics. The trail is well worn due to the popularity of the trail. The cliffs are visible from below at several points.

From the top, there is an excellent view of the southern Adirondack lowlands. Overall, this is a short hike with multiple rewarding viewpoints.

The hike out follows the same route as hiked in.

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.**