

Johnsontown Road - Lakes Skenonto & Sebago Circular

Total Distance: 6.8 miles

Difficulty: moderate (800'+ total elevation gain)

Estimated hiking time: 4+ hours

The **Blue Disc trail (blue blazes)**, could be better marked at key points!) starts from the north side of the road just before the parking circle. **Take the Blue Disc trail** (initially a paved road, then gravel, then a regular trail) west and then north until you intersect the **Tuxedo-Mount Ivy trail (TMI, red blazes)**. Make a **right onto the TMI**. In a short while make a **left onto the White Cross trail (white blazes)**. Take the White Cross trail until you get to the **Victory trail (blue blazes)**. Make a **right onto the Victory trail** and take it until you reach **Lake Skenonto**. *Lake Skenonto is recommended as a lunch spot.*

After lunch take the **Triangle trail (yellow blazes) south** skirting the edge of **Lake Sebago** (if your back is to Lake Skenonto then you will turn/veer left onto the Triangle trail). Take the Triangle trail until its terminus where you will intersect the **White Bar trail (white blazes)**. **Turn/veer left** (do not make a right) **onto the White Bar trail** and take it (south) back to the parking lot.

References: New York-New Jersey Trail Conference Map #118 (Southern Harriman Bear Mountain Trails)

Driving Directions from New York City

Take the **George Washington Bridge** to the **Palisades Interstate Parkway** heading north. In about 19 miles exit the parkway at **exit 9W onto the Thruway (Route 87/287)** which heads west. About 10 miles later, **exit the Thruway at exit 15A**. At the exit **turn left onto Route 17 North**. After about 2.5 miles, just north of the main street area in **Sloatsburg**, make a **right onto Seven Lakes Drive**.

In a little more than half a mile make a **left turn onto Johnsontown Road**. There are actually two places to turn left from Seven Lakes Drive on to Johnsontown Road, either one is fine. If you make the first possible left turn then proceed straight after the turn (to the circular dead end). If you miss the first opportunity to turn left then take the second and then make a right at the "T" which you will shortly come to. In a little over a mile until you reach a circular dead end where you should park (N 41.18003, W 74.16350). The entire trip is about 41 miles and should take less than an hour.