







Red Sandstone Trail, Hannawa Falls, NY

Distance: 7 miles Difficulty: Moderate Dogs Allowed: Yes

Description:

The Red Sandstone trail, maintained by the ADK Laurentian chapter, offers dramatic views of the Raquette River through varying terrain. Beginning at the South entrance, the trail follows the Raquette River rapids and passes a quarry and dam before meeting a junction at 1.5 miles. At the junction is the parking area for the north entrance of the trail and the access road from CR 59 to the north entrance leads left. The trail continues heading right with a stairway over the aqueducts to a trail which closely follows the shoreline. The trail forks near the entrance to Sugar Island, bearing right, the trail continues on a loop around Sugar Island with an option to take a left for a shorter loop, or continue forward on the trail for a 7 mile round trip back to the south entrance. There are interpretive signs provided by the ADK throughout the trail which detail the history of the Raquette River and the local area. This is a great trail for all ages and can be used for a short mid-day outing, or half a day of exploration.

Directions:

From NY Route 11 from Canton, take a right on to County Route 59 (Clarkson Ave). Continue on CR 59 for 2.5 miles, parking for the north entrance to the trail will be down an access road on the left at the base of the hill – a blue trail sign marks the entrance. Continue on CR 59 for 4 miles and make a left on Mill St. The trailhead parking for the south entrance will be on the left in 500 ft. GPS coordinates for the south entrance are 44° 36' 42.92" N 74° 58' 32.22" W and the north entrance are 44° 38' 1.6" N 74° 58' 49.14" W