

A BRIEF OVERVIEW

Cat and Thomas

MOUNTAINS PRESERVE

This 1,909-acre parcel was acquired by the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) in 2003 and sold to the State in 2013 to be added to the Adirondack Forest Preserve. Its preservation is a major accomplishment in protecting the Lake George watershed, as one of the lake's larger tributaries, Finkle Brook, flows through the preserve and forms Edgcomb Pond, the drinking water source for Bolton Landing.

In addition to preserving Edgcomb Pond, the Cat and Thomas Mountains Preserve protects the largest tract of contiguous land remaining in Bolton, yet another step in safeguarding the majestic viewshed of Lake George.

Just a five-minute drive from quaint Bolton Landing, the trails to the summits of Cat and Thomas provide a rewarding introduction to hiking the Adirondack trails. All of the preserve's trails have worthwhile views of Lake George's south and central basins and the southwestern Adirondacks.

Hunting and trapping is allowed at the preserve; appropriate state licenses are required. Hikers should be aware of hunting seasons and wear bright colors and hike in groups to minimize risk.

Mountain biking is allowed on the blue and red trails where they follow the road. Do NOT use your bike on the foot trails.

The Lake George Land Conservancy maintains the trails of the Cat and Thomas Mts Preserve through DEC's Trail Cooperative Agreement program. The LGLC welcomes your comments and reports of damage or trail maintenance needs. Please contact us at 518-644-9673 or stewardship@lgc.org.

PRESERVE LOCATION

Valley Woods Road
Bolton Landing, NY 12814
Warren County

Trailhead Coordinates:
43.6040618, -73.6926453



From the Northway (I-87): From Exit 24, head east on County Route 11 for approximately 2 miles. Turn right onto Valley Woods Road. The preserve is about 100 feet on the right.

From Bolton Landing (Sagamore Road and Route 9N): Travel north on Route 9N for approximately 1.7 miles to the junction with County Route 11 (also called Bolton Landing-Riverbank Road). Turn left/west on County Route 11 for approximately 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Valley Woods Road. The preserve is about 100 feet on the right.

To reach the parking lot on Edgcomb Pond Road, continue down Valley Woods Road for 0.5 miles and turn right on Edgcomb Pond Road for 1.25 miles. The parking area is on the right, just past the intersection with Finkle road (You will see a sign that says "Town of Bolton Watershed").

If the parking lots are full, you may park along the road; please do not block neighboring driveways.

Cat and Thomas is owned by New York State. To report any problems or acquire any permits, please contact DEC Forest Ranger Rick Schroeder at 518-335-3888 or the DEC Regional Office at 518-897-1300. For emergencies, call 518-891-0235.

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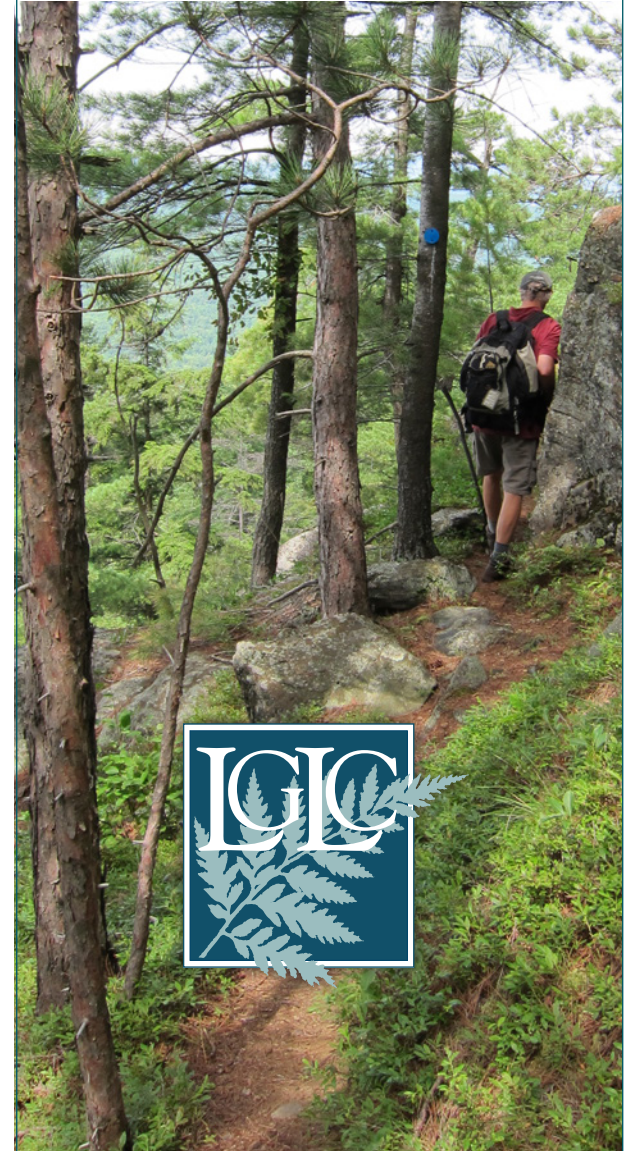
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Mountains

FOREST PRESERVE



HIKE

Cat and Thomas TRAILS

FALL/WINTER 2017 TRAIL UPDATES:

Trails have been updated with NYS DEC markers; some colors have changed from previous markers. The Thomas Mt cabin has been removed.

To Thomas Mountain Summit (1.4 miles*)

Park at the Valley Woods Rd. parking lot and follow the blue trail, which is a dirt road, for 0.7 miles until you reach the intersection with the yellow trail. Turn right on the yellow trail (also a dirt road), for another 0.7 miles to end at an overlook with 180-degree views of Lake George.

To Cat Mt from Thomas Mt (2 miles*)

Continue on the yellow trail for 2.0 miles to the Cat Mt. summit. **Footing is more difficult than the other trails and hikers should be prepared for the longer, more challenging trek.**

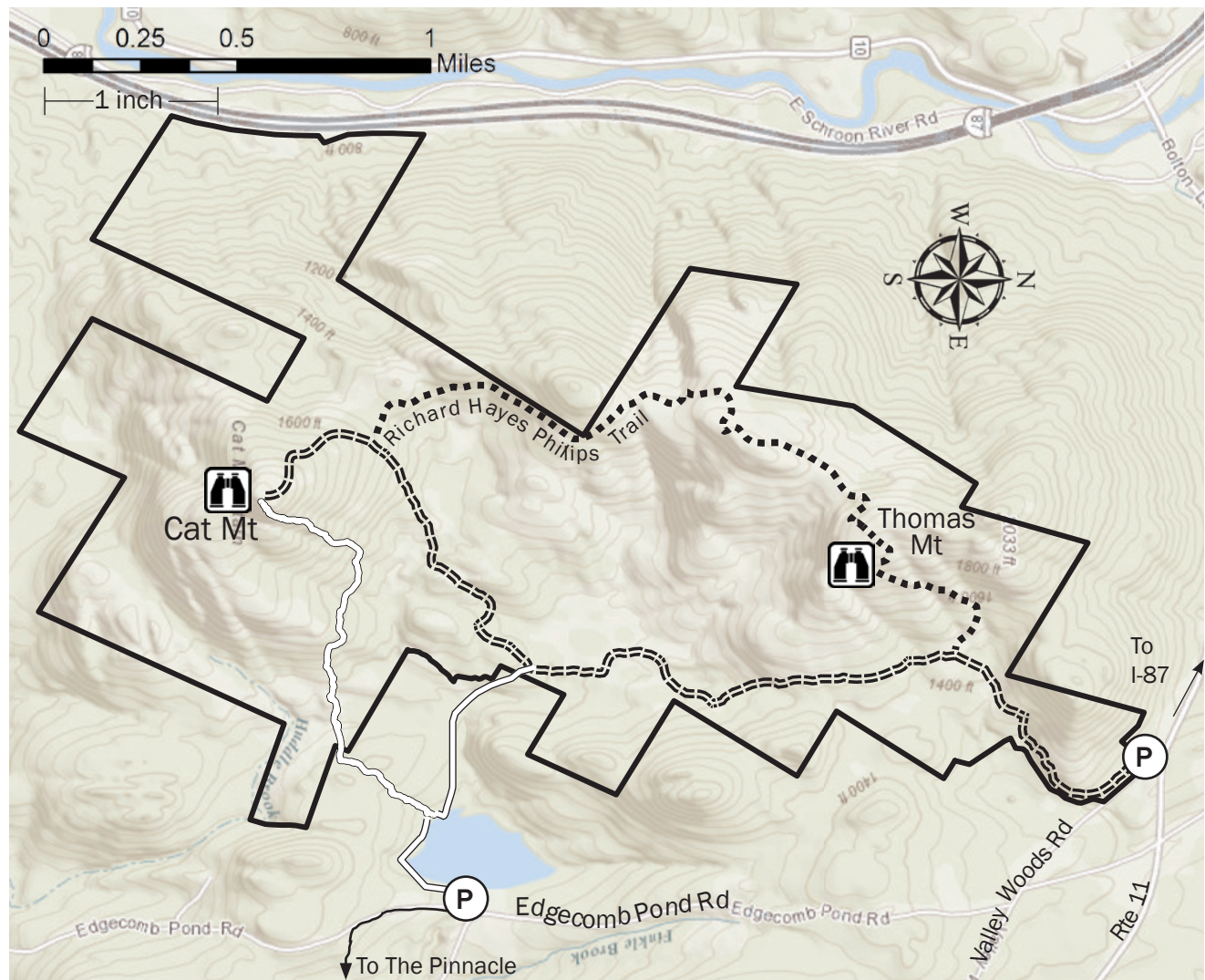
Or, for an easier route to Cat Mt. from the Valley Woods Rd. parking area, follow the blue trail all the way. About two-thirds of the trail follows a logging road, with the last third on a more rugged and rocky woods trail.

To Cat Mt. from Edgecomb Pond (1.9 miles*)

For a more direct hike to Cat Mt., park at the Edgecomb Pond Rd. area and follow the red trail on a dirt road past the pond for 0.7 miles (making a sharp right just past a gate) to the intersection with the blue trail (At 0.3 miles, you will pass on your left the section of the red trail that climbs steeply to Cat Mt.). Turn left (south) and follow the blue trail for 0.8 miles until you reach a T intersection. Turn left (south) and follow the blue trail for 0.4 miles to Cat Mt.

The summit of Cat Mt. offers a stunning 270° view of Lake George and the Adirondacks.

(*mileage is one-way)



PRESERVE MAP KEY

----	Blue Trail	3.4 miles
.....	Yellow Trail	2.7 miles
————	Red Trail (ALL sections)	2.1 miles
	Scenic Lookout	
	Parking Lot/Kiosk	

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION USE GUIDELINES

- Camping is permitted up to three nights, but you must be at least 150 feet from a road, trail, spring, stream or pond. Larger groups or more nights requires a permit.
- Do not pick the wildflowers, cut or mark the trees, remove any rocks, fossils or artifacts or disturb the animals. (Hunting is permitted - see "Overview" for details.)
- No motorized vehicles of any kind allowed.
- Fires are permitted, but must be attended to at all times.
- Please do not litter. Carry out what you carry in.
- The cabin is available on a first come, first served basis.
- The storage of personal property is prohibited.