

## **SECTION 10: HEALDVILLE TO NINEVAH FOUR CORNERS**

### **SNAPSHOT:**

Most of this route is shared with the groomed VAST Corridor #7 snowmobile trail. Caution is advised when skiing on snowmobile trail corridors, especially on weekends when snowmobile traffic is generally at its heaviest. Per the request of the local snowmobile club there are no CT blazes, so follow the VAST #7 markers.

***NOTE: CTA is scouting for an alternative to sharing this section of VAST trail. Until a separate route is found, CTA members are urged to join VAST or one of its local clubs as a means of supporting this and other sections of the Catamount Trail maintained by VAST.***

**LENGTH: 8.5 miles**

### **DIFFICULTY:**

This section is intermediate in difficulty. The terrain is rolling but the route follows a groomed snowmobile trail that receives heavy use, particularly on weekends.

### **DIRECTIONS TO TRAIL**

#### **ACCESS/EXIT POINTS (south to north):**

##### **1. Healdville - Mt. Holly**

From the Rte. 103/100N junction (northwest of Ludlow) take Rte. 103 northwest for 3.3 miles. Turn left (south) onto Healdville Rd. Follow Healdville Rd. 0.6 miles to railroad tracks. Cross the tracks and immediately turn left (east) onto Station Rd. Parking is extremely limited here. If the road is well plowed, several cars can be stationed along the edge of the road. The CT (and VAST Corridor #7) heads south toward Greendale from the south side of the tracks just east of Healdville Rd.

##### **2. Rte. 103 - Mt. Holly**

From the Rte. 103/100N junction (northwest of Ludlow) go approximately six miles northwest on Rte. 103. Just before the intersection with Summit Rd. on your left, look for a plowed turn-off. The CT and VAST Corridor #7 cross Rte. 103 at Summit Rd.

##### **3. Ninevah Four Corners - Plymouth**

From the Rte. 103/100N junction (northwest of Ludlow) go 3.4 miles northwest on Rte. 103. Just west of Harry's Cafe and Healdville Rd, turn right (north) onto Shunpike Rd. Shunpike Rd. turns sharply left almost immediately. Follow it 0.6 miles west to a fork in the road. Stay on Shunpike Rd. (right fork) another 0.7 miles to the junction with Lake Ninevah Rd. Turn right onto Lake Ninevah Rd. (which, after about 2 miles, becomes Patch Brook Rd.) and follow it 2.2 miles to Ninevah Four Corners. Park on Patch Brook Rd. where it widens out 100 yards or so east of Ninevah Four Corners.

***NOTE: The road from Echo Lake on Rte. 100 to Lake Ninevah is not plowed in winter.***

### **ROUTE DESCRIPTION:**

From Healdville (0.0), follow VAST Corridor #7N generally northwest. There are no CT trail blazes on VAST Corridor #7. Skiers will encounter green arrows that mark the main corridor trail, and orange arrows that mark secondary/feeder snowmobile routes. Be sure to follow the green arrows.

Staying to the side of the groomed snowmobile trail, head west-northwest paralleling a small stream. Turn right (north), climbing over a hill to reach a power line right-of-way. Turn left (west) under the power lines, crossing Stewart Rd. Turn right (north) and leave the power line ROW. Turn left (west) onto Summit Rd. to Rte. 103 (3.4). After crossing Rte. 103, continue following VAST Corridor #7N northeast to cross Shunpike Rd. (5.0). After passing under a power line, climb a small hill. The CT and VAST trail curve north and then northwest to join an old town road. Turn northeast and continue to a VAST trail junction (8.0). The VAST Corridor #7N turns sharply left (north) off the old town road. Look for CT blazes that direct you east on the unplowed road to Ninevah Four Corners (8.5).

**DISTANCE TO LANDMARKS:**

<b>Mileage Northbound</b>	<b>Landmark</b>	<b>Mileage Southbound</b>
0.0	Healdville	8.5
3.4	Rte. 103	5.1
5.0	Shunpike Rd.	3.5
8.0	VAST trail jct.	0.5
8.5	Ninevah Four Corners	0.0

**SIDE TRAILS AND LOOPS:**

No side trails or loops have been identified for this section of the CT.