

## **SECTION 20: CAMEL'S HUMP ROAD TO DUXBURY ROAD**

### **SNAPSHOT:**

This section provides a variety of groomed and ungroomed skiing along moderately steep terrain, and passes through the groomed trail system of the Camel's Hump Skiers' Association (CHSA). The Trail from the CHSA trail system north to Duxbury Rd. (River Rd.) provides an exhilarating downhill ski along the popular Honey Hollow Trail.

**LENGTH:** 7.8 miles

### **DIFFICULTY:**

South of the CHSA trail network, the ungroomed CT crosses rolling terrain with some moderate slopes and sudden dips. Within the CHSA system the terrain is similar but the trails are groomed, making the skiing easier. The long (ungroomed) downhill run on the Honey Hollow Trail includes several short, steep descents and narrow chutes.

### **DIRECTIONS TO TRAIL**

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

##### **1. Camel's Hump Rd. - Huntington**

From Beaudry's General Store in the village of Huntington, go 2.5 miles south on Main Rd. to Huntington Center. Turn left on Camel's Hump Rd. and go 1.9 miles east and bear right at the fork, crossing a bridge. To reach the CT northbound bear left at the fork (Fielder Rd.) and look for CT trail markers heading into the woods about 75 yards uphill on the right.

***NOTE: There is very limited parking available at the CT trailheads on Camel's Hump Rd. The nearest parking lot is located at the Brewster Pierce Elementary School located on Camel's Hump Rd., 1/4 mile from the intersection of Camel's Hump Rd. and Main Rd. in Huntington. A two-mile road walk up Camel's Hump Rd. is required to reach the trailhead.***

##### **2. Camel's Hump Skiers Association (CHSA) - Huntington**

From the Main Rd. in the village of Huntington, take East St. uphill and bear right at all forks. At the intersection with Taft Rd. stay straight (East St. becomes Bert White Rd.) and continue east and uphill. Turn left on Handy Rd. Go 0.4 miles to the CHSA parking lot on the left. The sign-in shack has maps of the trail system showing how to access the CT. Please pay the CHSA trail fee.

##### **3. Honey Hollow Parking Area - Bolton**

From Rte. 2 in Jonesville take Cochran Rd. across the Winooski River and immediately turn left (east) on Duxbury (River) Rd. The Honey Hollow parking area is located 2.2 miles east on Duxbury Rd, a short distance beyond (east) of Honey Hollow Road.

### **ROUTE DESCRIPTION:**

From the fork on Camel's Hump Rd. 1.9 miles up from Main Rd., bear left and walk 75 yards up **Fielder Rd. (0.0)** and look for CT blazes on the right heading into the woods. The Trail heads northeast up a short, steep hill through the woods and comes out to the edge of a large fenced field. Keeping the fence on your left, ski around to the north side of the field where you can enjoy a beautiful panorama of the Huntington Valley. Above the field, the Trail turns right (north) and enters the woods. This stretch is relatively flat with a few short climbs and descents. Be sure to stay on the blazed CT and do not venture onto any of the side trails here as you are on private property. Farther along, on State land, there are several steep chutes that can be very tricky in

poor snow conditions. A few are water crossings and may have inadequate snow. Heed all caution signs along this route.

Just beyond a bridge constructed by UVM freshmen in 2005, the Trail intersects the Camel's Hump Skiers Association groomed Dead River Run trail. Turn left and ski downhill to the **intersection of Dead River Run and Skunk Brook Trail (1.5)**.

To reach Windekind Farm (lodging) from the Dead River Run/Skunk Brook Trail intersection, continue straight (west) on Jack Rabbit and ski down through the woods and across the field.

To continue north on the CT through the CHSA trail network from the Dead River Run/Skunk Brook Trail intersection, turn right and ski northwest on the Skunk Brook Trail. Turn right (north) on Bear Scat Draw and then right (southeast) on the Cobble Trail. Climb steeply up and over the cobble, enjoy the view, and then continue north to **Stagecoach Rd (3.2)**.

To reach the CHSA parking lot, turn left (west) on Stagecoach Rd. and go downhill to Gullywhumper. Turn right (north) on Gullywhumper. Turn left (west) on Pond Road to the parking lot. Be sure to pay the appropriate CHSA trail fee at the sign-in shack before leaving, as CHSA depends upon users' fees to keep the trails open and groomed.

To continue north on the CT from the intersection of The Cobble Trail and Stagecoach Rd., turn right (east) on Stagecoach. After approximately 0.1 miles turn left (north) into the woods onto an un-groomed stretch of the CT. Cross a small bridge and climb east and north to reach the top of **Honey Hollow (4.2)** within the Huntington Town Forest (just to the east of an old white trailer). Leave town land and cross into Camel's Hump State Park.

The ungroomed Honey Hollow Trail descends through a series of chutes and traverses that end on a woods road. Continue north and downhill on the road. At the bottom of a fairly steep schuss, bear right and uphill through a **gate (5.0)** on another logging road. Just beyond the top of the hill the road ends and the CT enters the woods. The Trail follows a gentle downhill descent northwest until merging into another logging road. Turn right (north) at this junction and enjoy a long, moderate, twisting descent to the Honey Hollow trailhead parking area on **Duxbury Rd. (7.8)**, maintained by VT FP&R.

**NOTE: At present, the CT does not cross the Winooski River. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS ON THE ICE. To continue north on the CT drive the approximately seven miles between the Honey Hollow Trailhead on the south side of the river and the Pinneo Brook Rd. trailhead on Rte. 2 on the north side of the river. From the Honey Hollow Trailhead parking area drive 2.2 miles west on Duxbury Rd. Turn right (north) on Cochran Rd. and cross the Winooski River on the Jonesville Bridge. Turn right (east) on Rte. 2 and drive 5.0 miles to Pinneo Brook Rd. on your left.**

**DISTANCE TO LANDMARKS:**

| <b>Mileage<br/>Northbound</b> | <b>Landmark</b>             | <b>Mileage<br/>Southbound</b> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 0.0                           | Fielder Rd.                 | 7.8                           |
| 1.5                           | Dead River Run/Skunk Brook  | 6.3                           |
| 3.2                           | Stagecoach Rd.              | 4.6                           |
| 4.2                           | Honey Hollow height of land | 3.6                           |

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| 5.0 | VT FP&R Gate | 2.8 |
| 7.8 | Duxbury Rd.  | 0.0 |

**SIDE TRAILS AND LOOPS:**

The extensive network of groomed trails at the Camel's Hump Skiers' Association provides many opportunities for loops of various lengths, many of which offer beautiful views of Camel's Hump and the Huntington Valley. For more information on the CHSA, visit their website [www.camelshumpskiers.com](http://www.camelshumpskiers.com).

***NOTE: Due to limited parking on Camel's Hump Rd., starting or ending a tour at this point can be challenging. A popular seven-mile tour of this area begins at the end of plowing on Trapp Rd. (Section 19) and ends at the CHSA parking area. This scenic and varied tour offers a combination of the steep climbs and challenging descents between Trapp Rd. and Camel's Hump Rd. with the more moderate ups and downs between Camel's Hump Rd. and the groomed CHSA trail network. See Section 19 for a route description between Trapp Rd. and Camel's Hump Rd.***