

## **SECTION 6: KENDALL FARM ROAD TO SOUTH ROAD**

### **SNAPSHOT:**

This section includes a little bit of everything: unplowed roads, a short stretch of snowmobile trail, a 0.25-mile road walk, and long stretches of ungroomed trail through the Green Mountain National Forest. There is one long climb on a snowmobile trail and one steep, switch-backing descent to Rte. 30. Otherwise the terrain is generally level, with some gentle ups and downs. Be alert for temporary detours due to scheduled logging.

**LENGTH:** 9.0 miles

### **DIFFICULTY:**

Except for the steep descent to Rte. 30, this section is easy to ski. Except for the 0.5 mile stretch on a snowmobile trail it is all ungroomed. Allow sufficient time if breaking trail through the usually deep snow. The intersection of Rte. 30 and French Hollow Rd. provides an intermediate bail-out point for breaking this section into two.

### **DIRECTIONS TO TRAIL**

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

##### **1. Kendall Farm Rd. - Winhall**

From the Rte. 11/Rte. 30 intersection near Bromley Mountain, go approximately 6.5 miles south on Rte. 30 and turn right (south) on Kendall Farm Rd. From Bondville, travel 1 mile north on Rte. 30 and turn left (south) on Kendall Farm Rd. Travel 2.2 miles on Kendall Farm Rd. to the end of plowing.

##### **2. Upper French Hollow Rd. - Winhall**

From the intersection of Rtes. 11 and 30 just west of Bromley Mountain, head south on Rte. 30 for 1.6 miles to French Hollow Rd. Turn left on French Hollow Rd. and continue straight onto Upper French Hollow Rd. Park at the end of plowing but do not block any driveways or the snowplow turn around. The northbound CT heads into the woods directly in front of you. To ski southbound on the CT either walk back to Rte. 30 on French Hollow Rd. or ski along the shoulder. The southbound CT heads into the woods on the south side of Rte. 30 about 0.1 mile east of the Rte. 30/French Hollow Rd. intersection.

##### **2. South Rd. - Peru**

A CT parking area is scheduled to be constructed on South Rd. in Peru in 2008. Until then, to avoid being towed from the shoulder of South Rd., park on a small plowed pull-off on Old Manchester Rd. To reach this parking area, from Rte. 11 in Peru, take South Rd. 1.5 miles south and turn right on Walt's Camp Rd. Go up the hill and turn right on Old Manchester Rd. The parking area is on your left after approximately 0.6 miles. A marked spur trail leads south to join the CT.

### **ROUTE DESCRIPTION:**

From Kendall Farm Rd. (0.0) ski north (0.5) on an unplowed road that leads to the town sand and gravel pits. Turn left (west) off the road and through some dense saplings. The Trail skirts around the south and west side of a small softwood wetland and then turns left (northwest). The Trail climbs gradually through deciduous woods on an old logging road, crosses a stream, then a power line right-of-way, and intersects a snowmobile trail (1.5). Use caution at this intersection because snowmobile traffic can be heavy, especially on weekends. Turn right (northeast) onto the snowmobile trail and immediately cross a bridge. Immediately after the bridge, turn sharply left

on a wide logging road (FR 338) that is also a snowmobile trail. Ski uphill (northwest) on FR 338 approximately 1.2 miles, taking time to enjoy the great views of Stratton Mountain. Leave the snowmobile trail by turning right (north) off FR 338 onto a narrower logging road (2.8). Ski north on this level logging road to a log landing (3.5). Leave the logging road and head north-northwest through beech and maple forest. At this section's highest point, the Trail turns abruptly right (east) for a steep, twisting downhill to Rte. 30 (4.8).

The CT continues northbound from the upper (northern) end of French Hollow Rd. To get there, turn left (west) on Rte. 30 and walk 50 yards or so to the intersection with French Hollow Rd. Turn right (north) and ski or walk along the side of French Hollow Rd. and Upper French Hollow Rd.

From the end of Upper French Hollow Rd. (5.3), ski north on unplowed FR 314, through one clearing to a second clearing (5.9). Turn right (east) and follow the CT over three bridges (built by University of Vermont student crews in 2002) and uphill to an old clear cut (7.0), which is regenerating in softwoods. Traverse the clear cut heading northeast and then head east through more mature, deciduous forest. Cross the Eddy Brook Bridge (7.6), another bridge built by UVM students, and note the extensive beaver activity in this area. The Trail winds northeast, southeast, and then east to Old Manchester Rd. (8.7). Cross the road and head northeast and downhill, through a spruce plantation, and out to South Rd. (9.0).

Until the South Rd. parking lot is constructed you may want to use a spur trail to reach a temporary parking area on Old Manchester Rd. After crossing the Eddy Brook Ridge, ski only another 0.5 miles on the CT. At a well-marked intersection, instead of skiing east on the northbound CT, ski straight ahead (north) for about 0.25 miles to reach the temporary parking area.

**DISTANCE TO LANDMARKS:**

<b>Mileage Northbound</b>	<b>Landmark</b>	<b>Mileage Southbound</b>
0.0	Kendall Farm Rd.	9.0
0.5	Left off gravel pit road	8.5
1.5	Snowmobile trail intersection	7.5
2.8	FR 338/CT intersection	6.2
3.5	Log landing	5.5
4.8	Rte. 30	4.2
5.3	Upper French Hollow Rd.	3.7
5.9	Second clearing	3.1
7.0	Old clear-cut (young evergreens)	2.0
7.6	Eddy Brook Bridge	1.4
8.7	Old Manchester Rd.	0.3
9.0	South Rd.	0.0

**SIDE TRAILS AND LOOPS:**

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