

SECTION 9: GREENDALE ROAD TO HEALDVILLE

SNAPSHOT:

This section passes primarily through state and national forest land on groomed snowmobile trails. The stretch between Rte. 155 and Healdville should be skied north to south because of the extremely steep slope and tight turns that are shared with snowmobiles just south of Healdville. The CTA is scouting for an alternate route off the snowmobile corridor so visit www.catamounttrail.org for periodic trail updates.

LENGTH: 12.6 miles

DIFFICULTY:

This section is intermediate with several difficult sections. Just south of Rte. 155 and again just south of Healdville there are steep slopes and sharp turns that are shared with snowmobiles. Caution should be taken when traveling this route, especially on weekends, when snowmobile traffic tends to be heaviest.

DIRECTIONS TO TRAIL

ACCESS/EXIT POINTS (south to north):

1.Greendale Winter Parking Area

Take the Greendale Rd. off Rte. 100, 1.9 miles north of Weston or 1.6 miles south of the Rte.100/155 intersection. Travel approximately 2 miles on the Greendale Rd. (FR 18) to the parking area that is immediately past a small bridge.

2.Rte. 155

The CT (on VAST Corridor #7) crosses Rte. 155 approximately 3.5 miles northwest of the intersection of Routes 100 and 155 in Weston.Snow plows often clear a space large enough for a few cars to park on the north side of the road.

3.Healdville

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.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION:

Head north from the **Greendale Winter Parking Area (0.0) on FR 18**. Approximately 0.2 miles past Greendale Camping Area (on left), go through an open gate and ascend north-northeast up an old logging road to a junction with **VAST Corridor #7 snowmobile trail (2.5)**. The CT shares the VAST Corridor #7 for the rest of this section. Turn right (east) and follow the snowmobile trail to **Rte. 155 (5.7)**. Watch for heavy snowmobile traffic as you ski the final descent to Rte. 155.

Walk northwest along Rte. 155 approximately 0.1 mile to Government Rd. on the north side of Rte. 155. This is an access road to Okemo State Forest but it has no sign. Ski east on the access road. After three quarters of a mile, VAST Corridor #7 rejoins the access road and the CT from the left. Follow VAST #7 north on a rolling traverse of the backside of Ludlow Mountain to **Healdville (12.6)**.

Caution: The last mile of this section before reaching Healdville is a very steep downhill with numerous sharp turns. Snowmobiles and varying snow conditions can make this a very challenging descent. Climbing skins are recommended if you wish to control the speed of your descent.

DISTANCE TO LANDMARKS:

Mileage Northbound	Landmark	Mileage Southbound
0.0	Greendale Winter Parking Area	12.6
2.5	VAST Corridor #7 Jct.	10.1
5.7	Rte. 155	6.9
12.6	Healdville	0.0

SIDE TRAILS AND LOOPS:

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