



Green Mountain *National Forest*

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Sherburne Pass Loop

Trail Facts:

Length: 9.1 mile loop	Feature: Views, Long/Appalachian Trail Access
Max. Elevation Change: 1700 feet	USGS maps: Pico Peak Quad
Amount of use: Moderate	Hiking level: Moderate - Difficult
Average trip time: 7 ½ – 9 hour loop	

Trail Description:

From the Appalachian Trail/Long Trail parking lot on US Route 4 in Mendon, follow the AT/LT south. The trail crosses a bridge and bears left, then climbs gradually to the Churchill Scott Shelter at 1.9 miles. The shelter is located on a spur trail 0.1 miles from the AT/LT. Continue on the AT/LT south and you will continue to climb gradually to the intersection with the Sherburne Pass Trail at 3.8 miles. At this junction, the AT/LT continues to the right in a southerly direction to Cooper Lodge and Killington Peak. To continue the loop, turn left here onto the Sherburne Pass Trail. You will soon pass Pico Camp at 4.3 miles and the Pico Link Trail, a 0.4 miles spur trail to the summit of Pico Peak. Follow the Sherburne Pass Trail as it descends to U.S. Route 4 at 6.8 miles. Use extreme caution crossing U.S. Route 4; it is a busy highway. Sherburne Pass Trail continues on the north side of U.S. Route 4. Follow it as it climbs gradually through a rocky talus area and open hardwoods to the Appalachian Trail junction at 7.3 miles. The AT North continues to the right in an easterly direction to Gifford Woods State Park (1 mile). Continue the loop by following the Appalachian Trail South (which travels northerly for a short stretch). You will soon pass the Deer Leap Trail junction at 8.1 miles and come to the Long Trail Junction (Maine Junction) at 8.2 miles. The Long Trail continues to the north to Tucker Johnson Shelter (0.4 miles). To continue the Loop, take a left and follow the AT/LT south back to the AT/LT parking lot on US Rte. 4 at 12.2 miles.

Directions:

From Rutland, travel east on Route 4. Trailhead parking is on the right side of Route 4 at 9.3 miles.

From Rochester, travel south on Route 100 for 19.5 miles to its intersection with Route 4. Travel west on Route 4. Parking is on the left side of Route 4 at 1.5 miles.

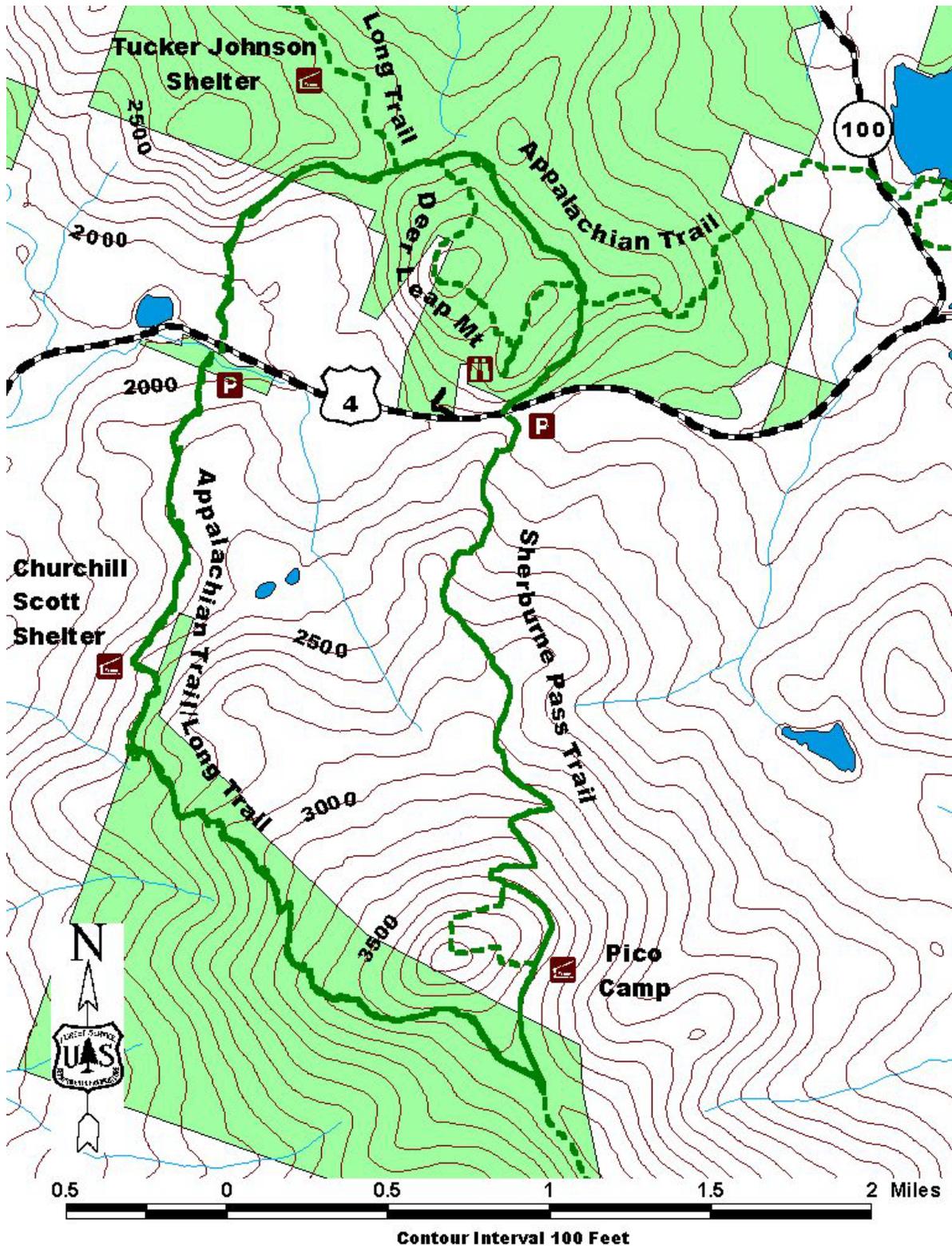
Area Services:

Food and Services: Rutland restaurants and fuel stations
For all Emergencies: 911
911 Information: The trailhead is in the Town of Mendon, on Route 4

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Map:



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