



Day Hiking

Finger Lakes National Forest



Potomac Trail

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Trail Facts:

Length: 2.25 miles one way	Feature: Wildlife Ponds
Max. Elevation Change: 100 feet	USGS maps: Finger Lakes National Forest Quad
Amount of use: Moderate	Hiking level: Easy Blaze: Blue
Average hike time: 2 - 3 hour round trip	Use restrictions: No horses, mountain bikes, or motorized vehicles.

Trail Description:

The Potomac Trail travels through a variety of forest types and follows the edges of some of the numerous ponds in the area. This relatively flat trail has a primitive natural tread and traverses occasional wet areas. It is a nice loop on which to learn cross-country skiing and is also a popular game bird hunting area. The Potomac Trail network connects with the Interloken Trail and the Potomac Group Campground reservation area (see Potomac Group Campground). Fishing is allowed in the ponds, following New York State DEC fishing regulations. Please practice Leave No Trace ethics, such as carry out what you carry in.

Directions:

From the South, take State Route 17 (I-86 in some areas) to Exit 52 (Watkins Glen/State Route 14 North). In Watkins Glen, turn right at the Fourth St intersection onto State Route 414 North. Go approximately 9 miles north, past the Hector Ranger Station of the Finger Lakes National Forest. 0.5 miles past the Ranger Station, turn right on Schuyler County Route 2. Go east 4.4 miles to the “Tee” intersection. Turn left onto Potomac Road and look for the signs for the Potomac Group Campground. Continue on to the next parking area on the right and then follow the signs and blaze marks.

From the North, take I-90 to Exit 41 (414 South to Hector, NY). 0.5 miles past the Dandy Mini Mart, turn left onto County Route 2. Go east 4.4 miles east to the “Tee” intersection. Turn left onto Potomac Road and look for the signs for the Potomac Group Campground. Continue on to the next parking area on the right and then follow the signs and blaze marks.

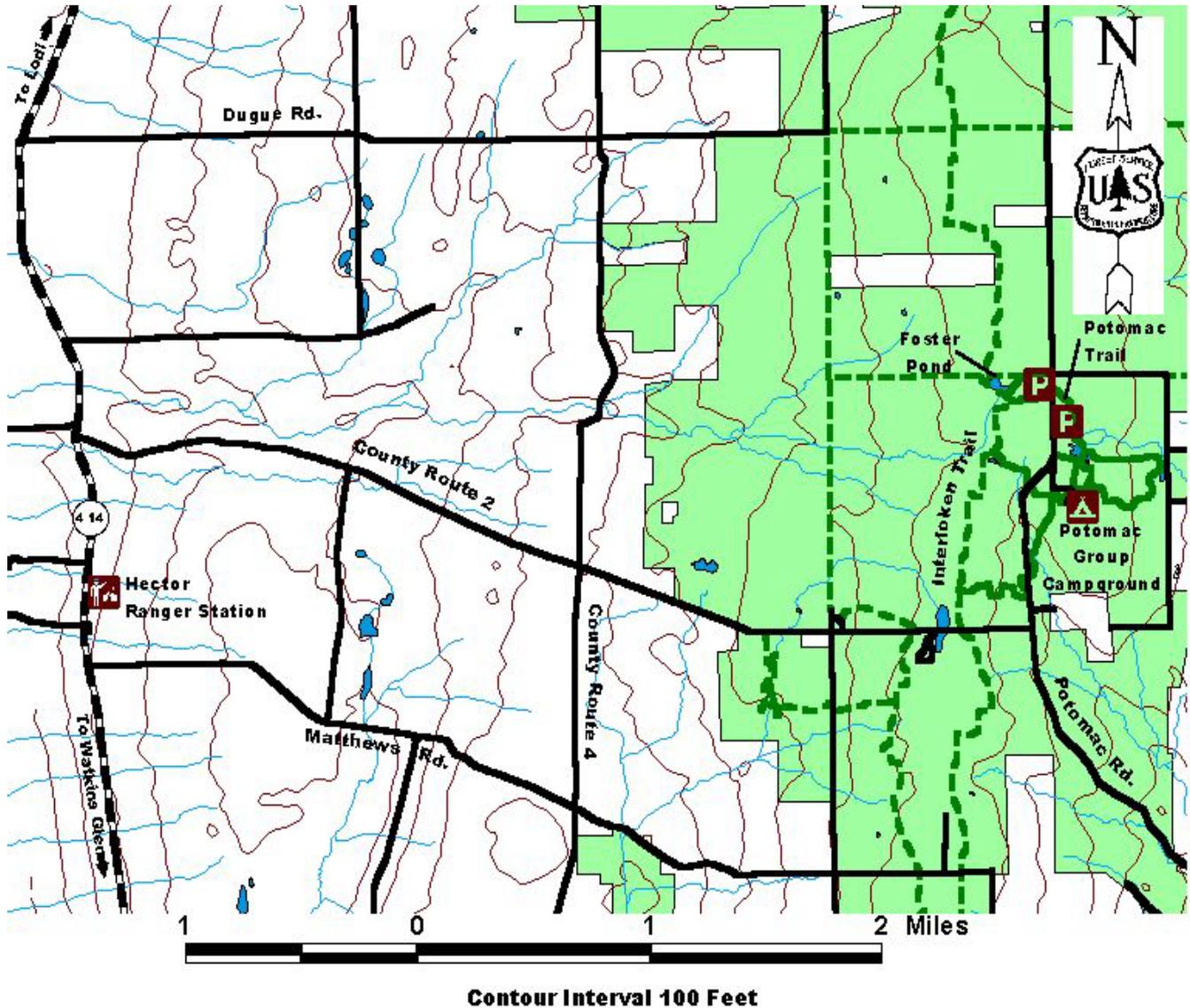
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Police: (607) 535-6642 or 911	Fire: (607) 535-6642 or 911	Rescue: (607) 535-6642 or 911

Map:



For More Information:

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