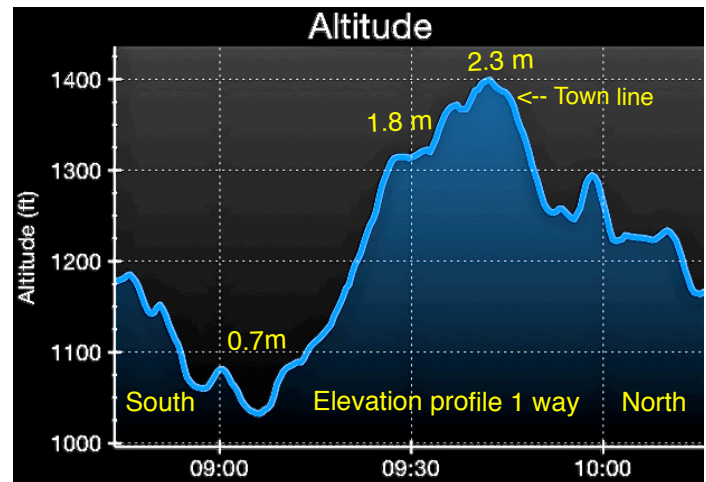


Tunxis Trail- northern section 5.0 miles, 1,400' vertical, 3.0 hours



Pine Mountain viewpoint to the east



The Tunxis Trail northern section has 2 hiking options: The complete “out & back” hiking north from rt 179 is 5.0 miles & 1,400'. If you use 2 cars, it becomes 4.0 miles & 1,000'. Pine Mountain is the highest point in Barkhamsted (1,319') with a fantastic 180° view to the east. It is almost in Hartland.

The 2 potential parking locations: Off rt 179 (41° 57' 9.43" N 72° 54' 54.89" W) opposite the junction with Legeyt Rd. Pine Mountain Gate(aka Schwaller Trail) parking lot (41°57'52.78"N 72°55' 0.95"W) almost opposite Pine Mt Circle.

The complete “out & back” hiking north from rt 179: Go around the gate across from Legeyt Rd & follow the wide dirt/gravel road west. At 0.7 you reach the blue blazed Tunxis Trail next to a few stone foundations. Turn 120° right, off the wide dirt road, to pick up the north bound Tunxis Trail. At 1.0 cross a bridge next to beaver dam. At 1.2 continue straight as the trail merges onto Pine Mt Rd. At 1.8 pay attention for the 90° right turn to ascend the trail to Pine Mt. At 2.3 you reach it's great view point to the east. Continue north on the blue trail crossing the border into Hartland at 2.5. There is no sign, but if you reach the junction with Pine Mt Rd at 2.7, you have gone too far. Turn around and return the same way. You have completed the Tunxis Trail transit of Barkhamsted & summited its highest point. You will have hiked 5.0 miles & 1,400' vertical.

Using 2 cars, follow the above directions but continue north, turning right onto Pine Mt Road at 2.7. Follow this wide dirt road, without making any turns to the north, to return to your car at 4.0 miles & 1,000' vert.

The 2 car summary hiking north: hike the wide dirt road west > at 0.7 turn right off the dirt road & onto the Tunxis Trail > at 1.8 turn 90° right off Pine Mt Rd onto the narrow trail > reach summit 2.3 > descend & make a 90° right turn onto Pine Mt Rd > return to car at 4.0