



Fly Rod Crosby TRAIL

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 Appalachian Trail
 Other hiking trail
 ATV trail
 Snowmobile trail

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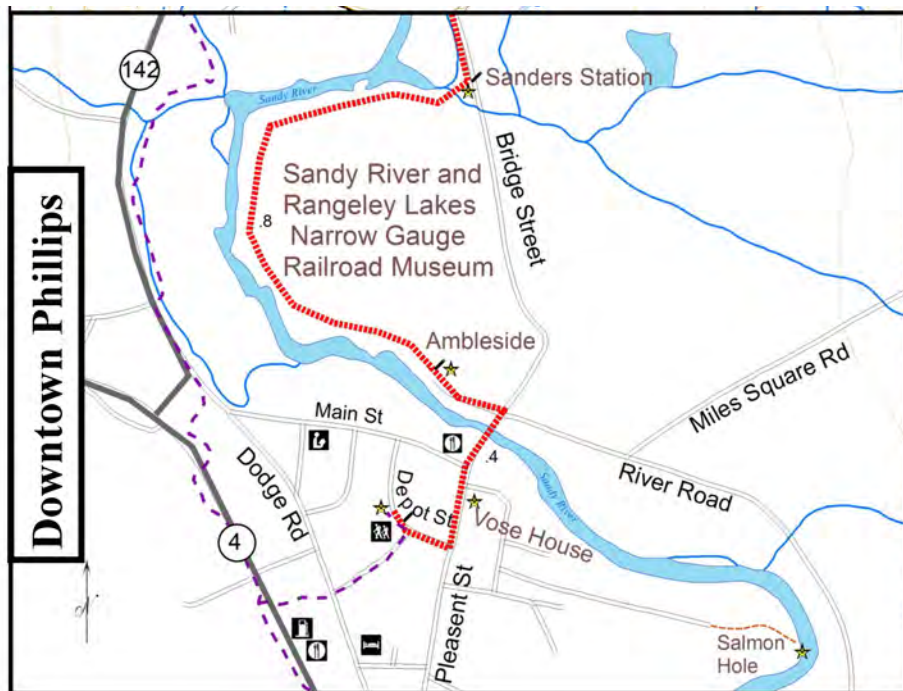
Phillips Trailhead

The Phillips Trailhead is located at The “Old Gym” or Phillips Area Community Center. Take Route 4 to Main Street and left on Depot Street, the kiosk is on the left.

Phillips to Madrid

This section of trail begins with a walk through historic downtown Phillips – where Cornelia “Fly Rod” Crosby grew up and retired. Follow the trail signs past Crosby’s brick home, the Phillips Historical Society and across the Sandy River. A footpath at the end of Amble Street will lead through the forested grounds of the Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum and along the Sandy River to Sanders Station.

From the Station, turn left onto Bridge Street, and go to Rte 142. Cross Rte 142 and continue 5 miles on a multiuse motorized trail. The trail follows the abandoned railroad bed and connects to the Reeds Mills Road. Continue 1.5 miles on a gravel road to the intersection of the Fish Hatchery road. Follow the paved Reeds Mills road up the hill to the Madrid kiosk in a field on your right.



Madrid Trailhead

Take Route 4 to Madrid, go right on Reeds Mills Road for approximately 4.5 miles, and the trail is on the left.

Madrid to Cascade Stream Gorge Trail

From the Madrid Kiosk the trail follows Orbeton Stream and woods roads 4 miles before coming to the Hardy Stream. Follow the Hardy Stream 3.5 miles, where the trail merges with a multiuse motorized trail for 3.5 miles that passes the Berry Pickers Trail, Moose and Deer Pond, Eddy Pond and the Appalachian Trail (AT). 1 mile beyond the AT, a right on the Saddleback Spur Trail for 1.9 miles passes Midway and Rock Ponds, to Saddleback Ski resort. If heading to Rangeley, continue on the multiuse trail 3.5 miles to a junction of logging roads. A Fly Rod Crosby Trail sign points to a footpath that continues 1.8 miles, merging with the Cascade Stream Gorge Trail ending at the Cascade Stream Gorge Trailhead.

Cascade Stream Gorge to Rangeley/Oquossoc

Descend on Town Hall Road to Rte 4 and cross to South Shore Drive. Cross a small bridge over Rangeley Lake inlet. Greenvale Cove Trail is on right, follow trail .3 mile to Rangeley Lake. At the Lake, the Fly Rod Crosby Trail becomes a water route to Rangeley and Oquossoc. Its terminus is the Outdoor Sporting Heritage Museum, and 2 blocks away, Our Lady of the Lakes Chapel.

Saddleback Spur Trail

Take Rte 4 from Rangeley .9 miles south. Turn left and follow Dallas Hill Road for 2.5 miles. Take a right on Saddleback Mountain Road for 4.6 miles to the base of the ski area. Bear right at the ski lodge and keep left on Rock Pond Road passing condos. Parking area is on left .4 miles before ski trail. From the parking area cross the downhill ski trail to the Fly Rod Crosby Trail signs. At 1.9 miles turn on the multiuse motorized trail left for Phillips or right for Rangeley.

Who was Fly Rod Crosby?

Cornelia “Fly Rod” Crosby, 1854-1946 was Maine’s first registered guide. She was a fly-fisher extraordinaire who promoted the Maine woods as a tourist destination. Crosby grew up in Phillips, guided in Rangeley and is buried in Strong. The 45 mile trail is linked to the landscape of her life. The blue and white trail sign sports the image of a fishing fly.

Why is this trail being built?

To preserve and develop recreational access by local residents and visitors to the forested lands, lakes and streams of the High Peaks Region, and promote shared use. Because of added two-legged traffic on motorized trails, it is important to observe the signs, speed limits, and right-of-way rules.

Is this trail on public land?

Most, but not all of the trail, is on land that is privately-owned. The landowners have granted permission for passage through their land. Therefore, it is important that you take out what you bring in and stay on the designated trail.

Who built the trail?

The trail is built and maintained entirely by volunteers. The Fly Rod Crosby trail is a project of the High Peaks Alliance. FMI, contact: www.highpeaksalliance.org.

Welcome to



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