

Crocker Hill, Paris

I think this must be mostly hiked by well-informed locals, and I couldn't find any map online. The first part of this fairly easy hike starts on an old road or snowmobile trail that makes a couple of switchbacks up to a ridge where you'll see a view and a fire pit. Look for a narrow walking trail on your right marked by a cairn. Follow the cairns and path to the summit. Make sure you continue a little bit beyond the summit for some great views over the back of the hill and a delightful bench carved into a downed tree.

I wouldn't have known how to make a loop here if I hadn't run into a nice gentleman at the trailhead who gave me instructions. Once you've summited the hill and returned to the snowmobile trail, continue on walking. You'll keep climbing for a ways, and when there is an obvious intersection, go left. Take another obvious left a little while later. You'll pass some old wells and come out on Thayer Road.

If you do the loop, the total distance is about 2.2 miles.

Directions: From Paris Hill, turn onto Mt. Mica Road. Follow 1.1 miles to the dirt road, Thayer Road, and drive .7 miles to trailhead. You'll see a gate and possibly a Crocker Tree Farm sign.

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