



The Hudson Trail

Frequently Asked Questions



What is the Hudson Trail? A long hiking trail on the east side of the Hudson River going from Manhattan to Mt. Marcy in the Adirondacks. The plan is to connect existing trails using roads and other public areas. The route is open to comment and change.

What is the purpose of a long hiking trail? A long trail provides goals and community for walkers AND builders. It supports the environment and good health. Consider the Appalachian Trail and the Long Path.

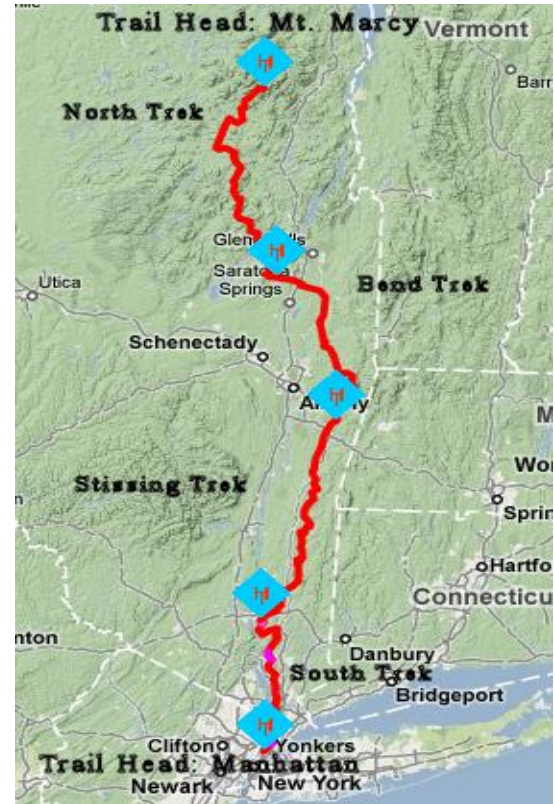
Why isn't the HT along the river? When we began the project, there were other projects underway for trails right along the Hudson. Though at least one of these projects has been curtailed, we still believe that a route over hill and dale, celebrating the charms of the greater Hudson Valley, often looking down on the River, offers great value to walkers and hikers.

Why is the proposed route often on roads? We aim for the road walking to be enjoyable and limited. It can be the efficient way to connect parts of the HT. Our strategy is to get a legal route on the ground. Over time, local groups are encouraged to improve the route. We do not want to get delayed negotiating for rights or fund raising to acquire land.

Why work on or hike the HT? The proposed route of the HT features beautiful views, interesting floral and fauna, striking geology, essential contributions to the economic development of urban, rural and suburban areas, and important history. Short and long hikes are feasible, close to hotels and campgrounds.

Is the Friends of the HT an incorporated 501(c)3 group? No. The Friends of the HT are a task force, an informal collection of people and groups. If you would like to contribute money, we can direct you to supporting organizations!

What is the status? South Trek route is essentially complete: markers along most of the trail, some spots *virtual* overlays of existing trails. We are working with groups on the Stissing and Bend treks and will contact the ADK for the North Trek.



The building and the enjoyment of the HT uses the Web. Visit our blog: hudsontrail.wordpress.com View videos, find out how to examine the current route, and read and comment on postings documenting our activities.

The current route is available using the link: <http://newmedia.purchase.edu/~Jeanine/hudsontrail/hudsontrail.kmz>

If you have **Google Earth**, enter the link in your browser. To view using Google Maps, go to <http://google.com> and then click on **Maps**. Put the link into the location field.

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