

Ashokan Quarry Trail Hiking Guide

Welcome to the Ashokan Quarry Trail, a project of the Catskill Mountain Club and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection with support from the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program. The total hike is approximately 2 miles long.

In 0.3 mile after you leave the trailhead walking south you will come to the remains of a small building which was used to store explosives when the quarry was active.

Just beyond the building ruins the trail turns left (east) as it begins to ascend towards the top of the quarry. Follow it as it swings south and soon passes through a long section of mountain laurel.

Shortly after leaving the mountain laurel the trail turns sharply right (west) and soon comes to the top of the quarry. The open ledge is high above the quarry floor and offers sweeping views of the mountains to the west and north.

After 0.6 miles and several other ledge top views the trail descends to the old railroad route that served to move stone from the quarry to the site of the dam on the Esopus Creek. (The dam is accessible from the Ashokan Promenade parking area, 0.2 miles southeast of the AQT parking lot on Rte. 28A.)

Turn right (north) and look to the left for a spur trail to the loading area for the trains. There are artifacts including high walls where the cars were loaded and machinery used in the process of moving stone to the train from the quarry. The spur is a 0.2 mile total out and back route.

When you return to the main trail turn left (north) and look right for the vernal pool at the base of the quarry walls.

Continue north to the parking lot in 0.7 miles, passing through an interesting series of tailing piles along the way that now support plant life.