

Andes Rail Trail and Bullet Hole Spur



The Andes Rail Trail offers a rewarding experience in every season. Spring brings an explosion of wildflowers, followed by the wild grasses and Joe Pye weed of summer, breathtaking fall foliage and austere and previously hidden views in the winter. The land along the trail is also home to a variety of animal species, including raccoons, deer, coyotes, fox, turtle, bobcat, hawks, owls, and an abundance of North American birds.

The first section of the trail (0.9 miles) is flat and travels the old rail bed. Enjoy a peaceful experience of both field and woodland beauty as well as gorgeous mountain views while you take a leisurely stroll.

The second section of the trail, the “The Bullet Hole Spur”, climbs up Hemlock Knoll using a switchback to ease the grade and then travels the ridge to the Bullet Hole Creek. This moderately strenuous climb takes you through various forest environments with scenic views adding an additional 2.2 miles round trip, making the walk 3.9 miles in total.

Trailhead: 266 Depot Street/Cabin Hill Road

Railbed trail 0.9 miles (1.8 miles round trip)

Bullet Hole Spur Hiking trail (2.2 miles — 4.0 miles round trip)

Trail created by the Catskill Mountain Club in partnership with Andes Works! and the Town of Andes. To volunteer to help build or maintain trails like this one, or to become a member, go to www.CatskillMountainClub.org

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