



Day Hiking

Finger Lakes National Forest



Potomac Trail

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Trail Facts:

Length: 2.25 miles one way	Feature: Views
Max. Elevation Change: 100 feet	USGS maps: Finger Lakes National Forest Quad
Amount of use: Moderate	Hiking level: Easy
Average hike time: 3 ½ - 4 hour round trip	Use restrictions: No horses, mountain bikes or motorized vehicles.

Trail Description:

The Potomac Trail is flat and travels through shrub lands and hardwoods, with numerous ponds in the area. The trail is primitive with a natural tread and occasional wet areas. This trail network connects with the Interloken Trail and Potomac Group Campground reservation area (see Potomac Group Campground). This trail is a nice loop on which to learn to cross-country ski and is a popular game bird hunting area. Fishing is allowed in the ponds, following New York State DEC fishing regulations.

Directions:

From the South, take State Route 17 (I-86 in some areas) to exit 52 (Watkins Glen exit/State Route 14 North). In Watkins Glen, turn right on State Route 414 North. At the Fourth St. intersection go approximately 9 miles north, past is the Hector Ranger Station of the Finger Lakes National Forest on the right. ½ mile past the Ranger Station turn right on the next asphalt road, Schuyler County Route 2. Go 4.4 miles east past County Route 4 to the “Tee” intersection. Turn left onto Potomac Road and look for the signs for the Potomac Group Campground. Continue on to the first or second parking area and then follow the signs and blaze marks.

From the North, take I-90 to exit 41 (414 south to Hector, NY). The second asphalt road on the left past Wickham’s Plaza (1/2 mile) is County Route 2. Turn left and go 4.4 miles east past County Route 4 to the “Tee” intersection. Turn left onto Potomac Road and look for the signs for the Potomac Group Campground. Continue on to the first or second parking area and then follow the signs and blaze marks.

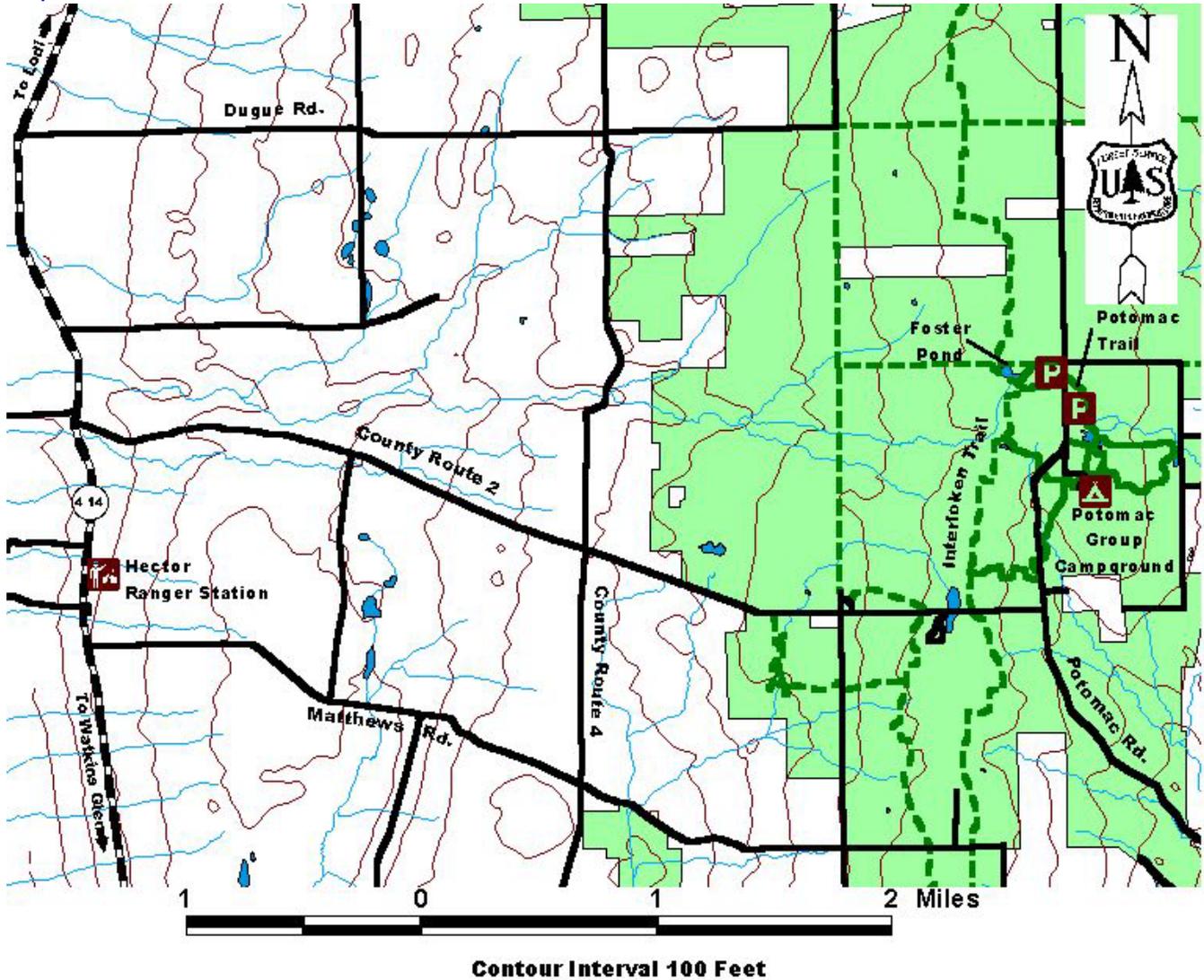
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