

## Santanoni Trail Description

### Santanoni Range - Adirondack, New York Santanoni Peak, Pather Peak, Couchsachraga

Feature Name	Elevation	Type	Latitude nn°nn'nn"	Longitude nnn°nn'nn"	USGS 7.5' x 7.5' Map
Santanoni Peak	4607' (1404)	Summit	44.04'56" N	074.07'53" W	Santanoni Peak
Panther Peak	4442' (1354)	Summit	44.05'54" N	074.07'57" W	Santanoni Peak
Couchsachraga	3820' (1164)	Summit	44.05'44" N	074.09'38" W	Santanoni Peak

#### Trailhead Directions

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#### Trail Notes and Distances

Santanoni Road, 1.8 Miles

Trail #128, Blue Blazes, Duck Hole via Bradley Pond, 2.3 Miles

Trail ID	Mileage	Description
Santanoni Road	0.0 / 0.0	The trail starts at parking lot located 9.5 miles off Route 28N on the Upper Works Road. The parking lot is 200 yards off the road on the left sign and has a DEC sign marking the turn.
Santanoni Road	1.1 / 1.1	At this point you cross a tributary that comes from Harkness Lake (Left Side). What makes this spot desirable is a great view of Wallface Mountain. However, over the years, the growth has been obscuring this view.
Santanoni Road	1.8 / 1.8	Starting at the Trailhead Register, travel the maintained gravel road for 1.8 miles. This road has a rolling contour with moderate elevation gain of approximately 200 feet.
128	0.0 / 1.8	Junction with trail #128 (Bradley Pond / Duck Hole). The trail takes a hard right turn off the road.
128	0.3 / 2.1	Here you reach a wooden bridge and steps that crosses Santanoni Brook. Once above the wooden steps, the trail takes a left turn onto the remains of an old tote road.
128	0.6 / 2.4	Old lumber roads intersect with the trail. The trail continues at a moderate grade for the next mile.
128	2.3 / 4.1	The trail can be <u>very</u> wet in the last 0.5 miles with many deteriorating wooden corduroy laid in the trails. Caution do not to step off the wood trail maintenance. In some

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areas the mud can be 2 feet deep!

The herd path to the Santanoni Range is located past Bradley Pond on the left side (West) of the trail. It is marked by a large rock and the herd path has been well established and easily recognizable.

Herd Path Times Square	0.0 / 4.1	The herd path turns left (West) off the main #128 trail. It Goes around Bradley Pond (Left Side). The herd path enters the woods after 100 yards from the start. There are several faded herd paths near this point which lead to various camping sites and look outs. Remain on the main herd path.
Herd Path Times Square	0.1 / 4.2	The herd path turn in a southerly direction as it goes around the west side of Bradley Pond. Elevation is approximately 2900'.
Herd Path Times Square	0.4 / 4.5	At 3000 feet, you encounter a broad expanse of cliffs. Follow the herd path keeping the cliffs on you right side.
Herd Path Times Square	0.6 / 4.7	Reaching the 3150 foot elevation level, the herd path crosses a flat area. Located on the left is a popular primitive camping area.
Herd Path Times Square	1.2 / 5.3	After leaving the flat camping area, the herd path continues to follow the cliffs then descends to cross Panther Brook. The herd path closely follows Panther Brook to its terminus near the 3900 foot level.
Herd Path Times Square	1.4 / 5.6	The herd path soon enters a thick area of forest and continues mostly straight on an obvious path.
Herd Path Times Square	1.45 / 5.65	<p>Reaching an elevation of 4270' you will encounter a well traveled open knoll. <u>This is not</u> Times Square however there is a myriad of herd paths from this point. Panther Peak will be on your right, Times Square will be on a herd path, past and left of the knoll. The first path you encounter is marked with blazes on the trees and turns left. This is just one way to Times Square and has many herd paths derived from this point. We recommend that you do not follow this first herd path going left.</p> <p>We suggest that you continue straight on the knoll about 20 yards and there will be a well traveled herd path turning left. This herd path will take you directly to Times Square. There is a very large rock that marks the split with the two paths, one toward Santanoni Peak (left) and Couchsachraga turn right and down.</p>
Herd Path Times Square	1.5 / 5.6	Leaving the open knoll and arriving at Times Square as described above.
<b>Panther Peak</b>		
Herd Path	0.0 / 5.65	Panther Peak is located due North from the open knoll.

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Panther Peak		As you come up from the Panther Brook direction, the trail to Panther Peak takes a hard right (North) turn. Care should be taken as it is easy to walk past this hard right turn.
Herd Path Panther Peak	0.25 / 5.8	The path leads directly to the Panther Peak summit passing through thick scrub onto open rocks.
<b>Couchsachraga</b>		
Herd Path Couchsachraga	0.0 / 5.7	The herd path splits at the large rock. The right herd path takes you to Couchsachraga. The path starts by descending steeply through a series of small switchbacks. Couchie is due West from Times Square.
Herd Path Couchsachraga	0.8 / 6.5	The herd path reaches the lowest point near the 3400 elevation mark. Here you will encounter a vast swamp! There are many herd paths attempting to find a dry way through the swamp. I have found that traversing straight through, or even slightly right you can pick and choose a way through it.
Herd Path Couchsachraga	1.4 / 7.1	Departing the swamp, the path now starts a gradual ascent following a ridge directly to the summit of Couchie. Couchie is marked by a small open area and a new sign (2004) high up on a tree.
<b>Santanoni Peak</b>		
Herd Path Santanoni	0.0 / 5.7	Departing the on the path that goes around the large rock marking the path split takes you toward Santanoni. The path is due south and has a round trip of 2 miles.  The herd path is clear and free of the random paths that are found near Times Square.
Herd Path Santanoni	1.0 / 6.7	The herd path crosses over three false summits before reaching Santanoni Peak. The elevation gain is under 400 feet from Times Square.
<b>NOTE: All distances shown are in miles.</b>		