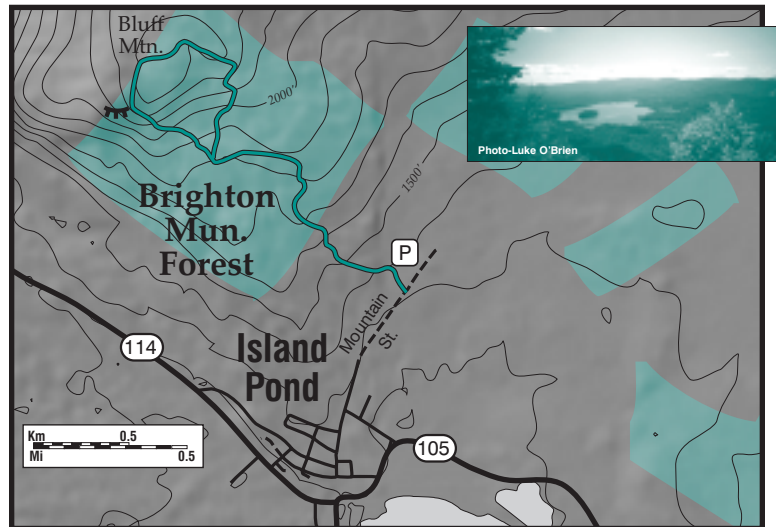


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The Bluff Mountain Community Trail climbs to the lower summit and lookout on Bluff and has existed for many years. The blue-blazed trail, built and maintained by the Northeast Kingdom Conservation Service Corps, begins on the north side of Mountain Street in Island Pond, approximately 1/2 mile beyond the end of the pavement to a formal trail-head and parking area. From parking area, trail climbs north and west before descending to junction with now abandoned old trail, turns north, passing stream crossing and lower junction of historic Lookout Trail (1.0 mile). To south and east are views of Nulhegan Basin and surrounding hills. It continues to summit ridge where it reaches short summit spur trail on right and historic Lookout Trail directly ahead (1.7 miles).

SUMMARY: Mountain St. to summit, 1.7 miles; 1080 ft. ascent; 1 1/4 hour (Rev. 3/4 hour)

Lookout Trail: The yellow-blazed lookout trail is last remaining portion of original Bluff Mountain Trail. From cliff lookouts near summit are views visible to south and west. **CAUTION: Lookout Trail is steep and rocky in some places and may not be suitable for some hikers!** Recommended loop: follow Bluff Trail to Lookout Junction, then up Lookout Trail and back via the summit.

SUMMARY: Bluff Mountain Trail junction to lookout, 0.4 mi.; 660 ft. ascent; 1/2 hr. (Rev. 20 min.). Lookout to summit, 0.1 mi.; 100 ft. ascent; 10 min. (Rev. 5 min.).