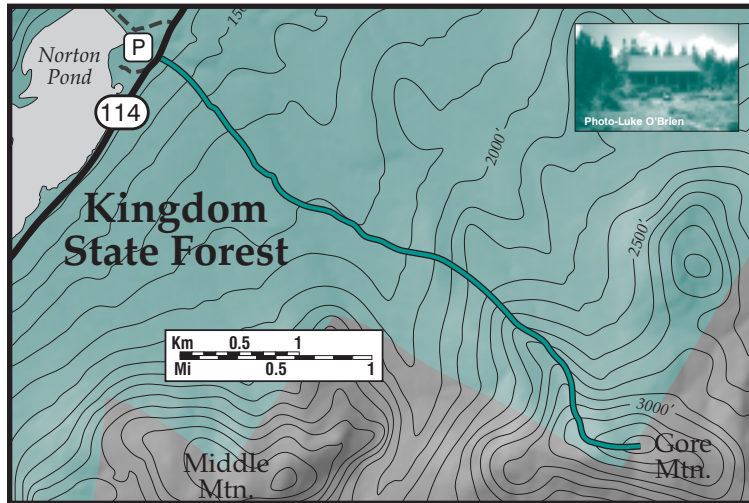


G - Gore Mountain



In the unorganized town of Avery's Gore (USGS Norton Pond), Gore Mountain (3332') forms the northern boundary of the Nulhegan River Basin. The white-blazed Gore Mountain Trail, built and maintained by the Northeast Kingdom Conservation Service Corps, follows the original fire warden's trail, though the fire tower no longer remains on the summit.

Trailhead is off Vermont Route 114, Norton, near north end of Norton Pond across from a pulloff between Lake Station Road and DeVost Road. Trail enters woods through small opening east side of road, follows a brook, levels off, crosses some poorly drained areas, some beaver meadows, and an abandoned beaver pond (1.0 mi.). It travels eastward before reaching signed junction, turning to the left. After cresting small knoll, trail descends, follows and crosses a brook, emerges on edge of big logged area. Trail passes through and skirts logged area, winds through small hardwood stands before climbing to crest of a second knoll then to edge of large timber company road (2.0 mi.). Marked trail continues on opposite side of clearing.

It crosses logging road, climbs to junction with short lookout spur trail, local views to the west. From there, trail continues to second road crossing, climbs to northwest ridge of mountain then through open hardwoods and higher elevation spruce-fir forests of summit. Continuing steeply over granite bedrock to mountain shoulder, it enters summit forest, turns eastward winding its way to summit clearing (3.8 m.) with limited views of the Nulhegan Basin to south.

SUMMARY: Road to summit, 3.8 mi.; 1972 ft. ascent; 3 1/2 hr. (Rev. 2 hr.).