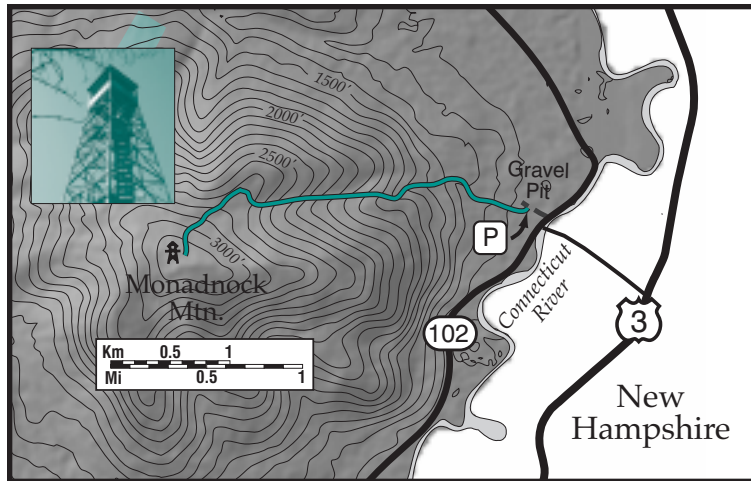


# J- Monadnock Mountain



In the Town of Lemington (USGS Monadnock), Monadnock Mountain (3148') rises steeply above the Connecticut River and provides a unique view of the North Country from its summit fire tower. The yellow-blazed trail begins at the back of large gravel pit parking area a short distance north of the Lemington-Colebrook Bridge.

The rugged trail begins moderately through a small meadow and continues into a young forest following a scenic brook and rocky ledge. Then it climbs steeply, crosses the brook and reaches a recent logging road which it follows then crosses back over the brook on a long log bridge. From here, the trail begins its persistent climb upward over rocky footing, passing through a mixed forest where signs of the 1998 Ice Storm are evident. After climbing for some time, the trail turns north, levels out and then climbs again, winding its way through the spruce-fir forest to the summit. All that remain of the burned fire warden's cabin are the chimney and foundation but the fire tower is functional and provides excellent views of the Connecticut River Valley and northern Vermont and New Hampshire.

SUMMARY: Road to summit, 2.5 mi.; 2148 ft. ascent; 2 1/2 hr. (Rev. 1 1/4 hr.).

