

80. Copperas Pond/Ice Caves

Several small ponds are located south of the Ausable River. A trail marker along the highway points to the uphill trail to Copperas Pond. It is a fine camping area being free of highway noise which disturbs the tranquility of the camp sites along the river.

Several Ice Caves can be found north of the river on the slope of Little Whiteface. The river can be crossed under normal flow conditions by hopping from stone to stone without getting wet. The steep hill just below a line of cliffs should be climbed to visit the ice caves. A bushwhack westerly climbing a bit away from the cliff edge should intercept the caves. These are open pits among the tumbled rocks generally having a temperature colder than 40°F having ice at the bottom. On a hot summer's day a half hour spent in one of these declivities will rejuvenate the spirits.

