

Hooper Mine Trail

Johnsburg, New York







Difficulty: Easy
Length: 0.7mi roundtrip
Time to Complete: 0.5 hours
Trailhead Coordinates: -74.105, 43.709
Elevation Gain: 160'
Trail Notes:

This is a fun destination for kids, those curious about the area's mining history, and anyone interested in finding the unique garnet that populates this region (hint: you don't have to look far). The Hooper Garnet Mine opened in 1898, but closed shortly thereafter when Mr. Hooper realized he couldn't compete with the Barton Mine next door and went to work for his competitor instead. The abandoned mine is now state-owned and accessed via a short, uphill trail from the Garnet Hill tennis courts. Head around to the north side of the pit to view an abandoned mine structure and climb up to the top of the mine. You'll be rewarded with a great view of Ruby Mountain Mine, as well as Thirteenth Lake.

Directions and Parking:

Take the Northway to exit 23. Turn west off the exit and then right onto Route 9 North for 4.2mi. Turn left onto 13th Lake Rd for 4.4mi. Follow the signs for the Garnet Hill Ski shop to the right and park at the tennis court. Follow the road to the left of the tennis courts a short distance until you see an old trail kiosk off to the right. Follow the sign for Hooper Mine to the left. The trail is not marked, but easy to follow. Just be sure to bear to the right and up the hill.

-  Parking
-  Trailhead
-  View
-  State Land

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To NYS 28
4.2 mi

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0.30mi

Hooper Mine

2110'
2100'