

# Cat and Thomas MOUNTAINS PRESERVE

This 1,909-acre parcel was acquired by the Lake George Land Conservancy (LGLC) in 2003 and sold to the State in 2013 to be added to the Adirondack Forest Preserve. Its preservation is a major accomplishment in protecting the Lake George watershed, as one of the lake's larger tributaries, Finkle Brook, flows through the preserve and forms Edgecomb Pond, the drinking water source for Bolton Landing.

Just a five-minute drive from quaint Bolton Landing, the trails to the summits of Cat and Thomas provide a rewarding introduction to hiking the Adirondack trails. All of the preserve's trails have worthwhile views of Lake George's south and central basins and the southwestern Adirondacks.

Hunting and trapping is allowed at the preserve; appropriate state licenses are required. Hikers should be aware of hunting seasons and wear bright colors and hike in groups to minimize risk.

Mountain biking is allowed on the blue and red trails where they follow the road. Do NOT use your bike on the foot trails.

The Lake George Land Conservancy maintains the trails of the Cat and Thomas Mts Preserve through DEC's volunteer stewardship agreement.

**Cat and Thomas is owned by New York State.**

**To report any problems or acquire any permits, please contact DEC Forest Ranger Rick Schroeder at 518-335-3888 or the DEC Regional Office at 518-897-1300.**

**For emergencies, call 518-891-0235.**

## PRESERVE LOCATION

Valley Woods Road & Edgecomb Pond Rd  
Bolton Landing, NY 12814  
Warren County



**From the Northway (I-87):** From Exit 24, head east on County Route 11 for approximately 2 miles. Turn right onto Valley Woods Road. The preserve is about 100 feet on the right.

**From Bolton Landing (Sagamore Road and Route 9N):** Travel north on Route 9N for approximately 1.7 miles to the junction with County Route 11 (also called Bolton Landing-Riverbank Road). Turn left/west on County Route 11 for approximately 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Valley Woods Road. The preserve is about 100 feet on the right.

To reach the parking lot on Edgecomb Pond Road, continue down Valley Woods Road for 0.5 miles and turn right on Edgecomb Pond Road for 1.25 miles. The parking area is on the right, just past the intersection with Finkle road (You will see a sign that says "Town of Bolton Watershed").

If the parking lots are full, you may park along the road; please do not block neighboring driveways.

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The Lake George Land Conservancy's parks and preserves are open to the public from dawn to dusk year-round for educational, scientific, and passive recreation.

Visit us online at [lglc.org](http://lglc.org) for information on our guided hikes and events, stewardship, and conservation efforts that are protecting the land that protects the lake.



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# Cat & Thomas Mountains FOREST PRESERVE



# Cat and Thomas TRAILS

## To Thomas Mountain Summit (1.4 miles\*)

Park at the Valley Woods Rd. parking lot and follow the blue trail, which is a dirt road, for 0.7 miles until you reach the intersection with the yellow trail. Turn right on the yellow trail (also a dirt road), for another 0.7 miles to end at an overlook with 180-degree views of Lake George.

## To Cat Mt from Thomas Mt (2 miles\*)

Continue on the yellow trail for 2.0 miles to the Cat Mt. summit. *Footing is more difficult than the other trails and hikers should be prepared for the longer, more challenging trek.*

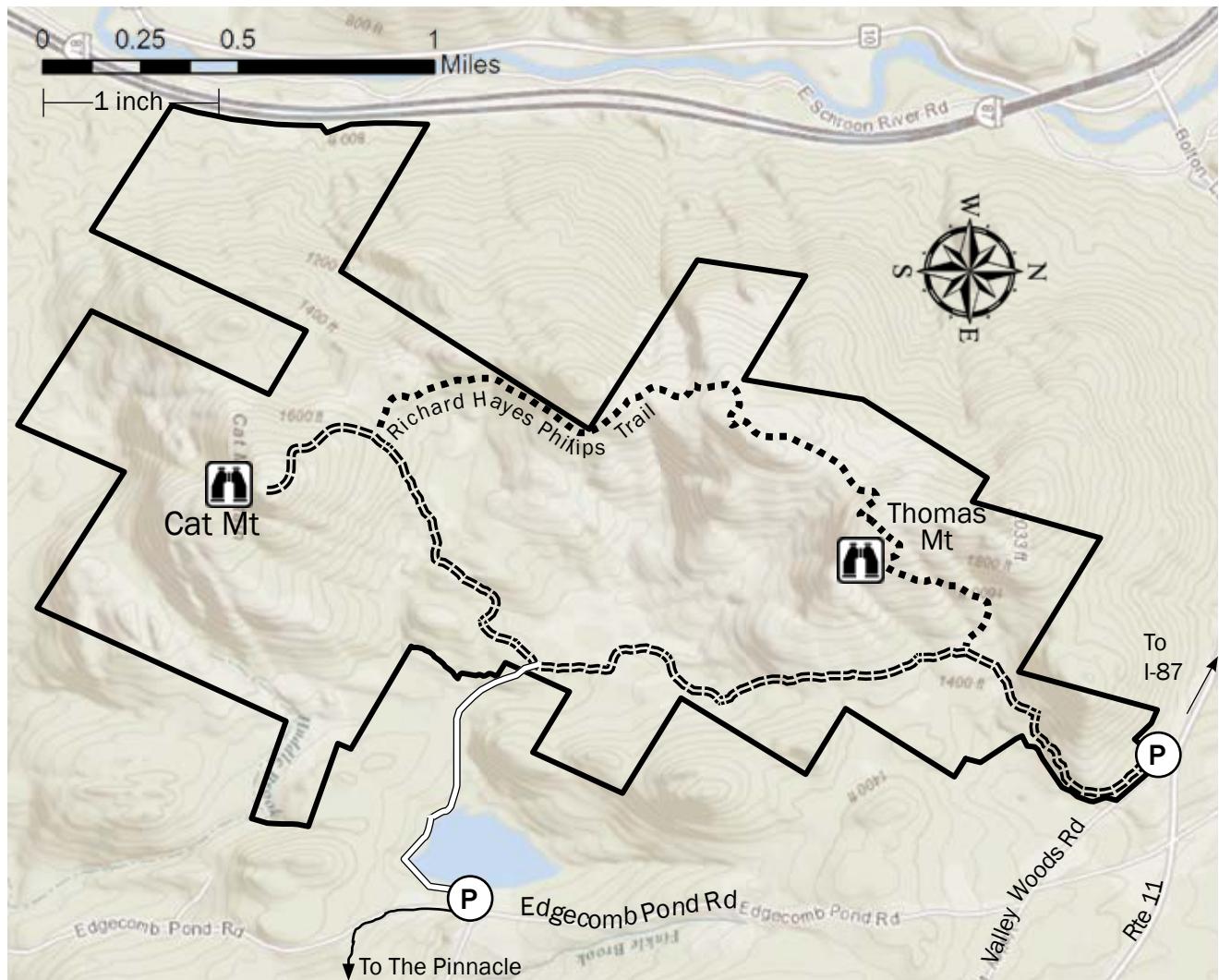
Or, for an easier route to Cat Mt. from the Valley Woods Rd. parking area, follow the blue trail all the way. About two-thirds of the trail follows a logging road, with the last third on a more rugged and rocky woods trail.

## To Cat Mt. from Edgecomb Pond (1.9 miles\*)

The summit of Cat Mt. offers a stunning 270° view of Lake George and the Adirondacks.

For a more direct hike to Cat Mt., park at the Edgecomb Pond Rd. parking lot and follow the red trail on a dirt road past the pond for 0.7 miles (making a sharp right just past a gate) to the intersection with the blue trail. Turn left (south) and follow the blue trail to climb 0.8 miles until you reach a T intersection. Turn left (south) and follow the blue trail for 0.4 miles to Cat Mt.

(\*mileage is one-way)



### PRESERVE MAP KEY

Blue Trail

Yellow Trail

Red Trail



Scenic Lookout



Parking Lot/Kiosk

### DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION USE GUIDELINES

- Camping is permitted up to three nights, but you must be at least 150 feet from a road, trail, spring, stream or pond. Larger groups or more nights requires a permit.
- Do not pick the wildflowers, cut or mark the trees, remove any rocks, fossils or artifacts or disturb the animals. (Hunting is permitted - see "Overview" for details.)
- No motorized vehicles of any kind allowed.
- Fires are permitted, but must be attended to at all times.
- Please do not litter. Carry out what you carry in.