

## Jackson Lodge-April's Maple Long Loop (13 miles) (13 mile woods trails and back-roads mountain bike loop)

This is an intermediate ride, best for mountain bikes or experienced cross bike riders. You'll ride on very quiet back-roads or double track trails through the woods, with a good balance of uphill, downhill, and level riding. Near the end of your ride, stop at April's Maple sugarhouse for ice cream in maple coated cones, or maple cotton candy. You can even take a tour. And, it's all downhill from April's Maple to Jackson's Lodge on smooth pavement with little road traffic.

## Directions from Jackson's Lodge:

- ▲ Turn right from Jackson Lodge Road onto Route 114. Ride 1.5 miles.
- ▲ Turn left onto Dubeau Road and ride 0.8 miles.
- ▲ Turn left onto a class IV road (no name). This road is just prior to a log house that you can see ahead on your right. You'll pass a driveway immediately on your right and you'll pass a log landing turn-off on your left. Stay to the right. Road turns to double track. You'll ride 1.08 miles on this (much of it uphill) and intersect with a snowmobile trail. (Snowmobile trail intersection has a sign at it. It is trail intersection EX 5.)
- ▲ Turn left on snowmobile trail (more double track) from EX 5 and continue on this trail. Veer right when you come to a Y. Just before the trail turns into Morrill Brook Road, you'll pass a home with a small apple orchard on the left. Trail then becomes gravel Morrill Brook Road. As you are going downhill, keep a lookout for a small cemetery

- on your right. (This cemetery dates from 1885 and has only 1-2 marked stones and many unmarked stones.) Shortly after cemetery, you'll intersect with Canaan Hill Road. Distance from EX 5 to intersection of Morrill Brook Rd and Canaan Hill is 1.18 miles.
- → Turn right on Canaan Hill Road. Ride 3.04 miles. Be alert on the downhill at about 3 miles out for a snowmobile trail that goes off to the right. This is marked as snowmobile intersection Ex 611 and the green signs point to Wallace, Canaan.
- ★ Turn right on this trail/dirt road. You'll ride through a gravel pit. At .86 miles, stay on the curve to the left. At 1.46 miles, stay straight. You'll arrive at April's Maple! (Total distance from Ex 611 to April's Maple is 2.6 miles.)
- ♣ From parking lot of April's Maple, turn right onto 114 and ride 2.8 miles back to Jackson's Lodge.