

Hamilton Mountain

Out and back (green route)

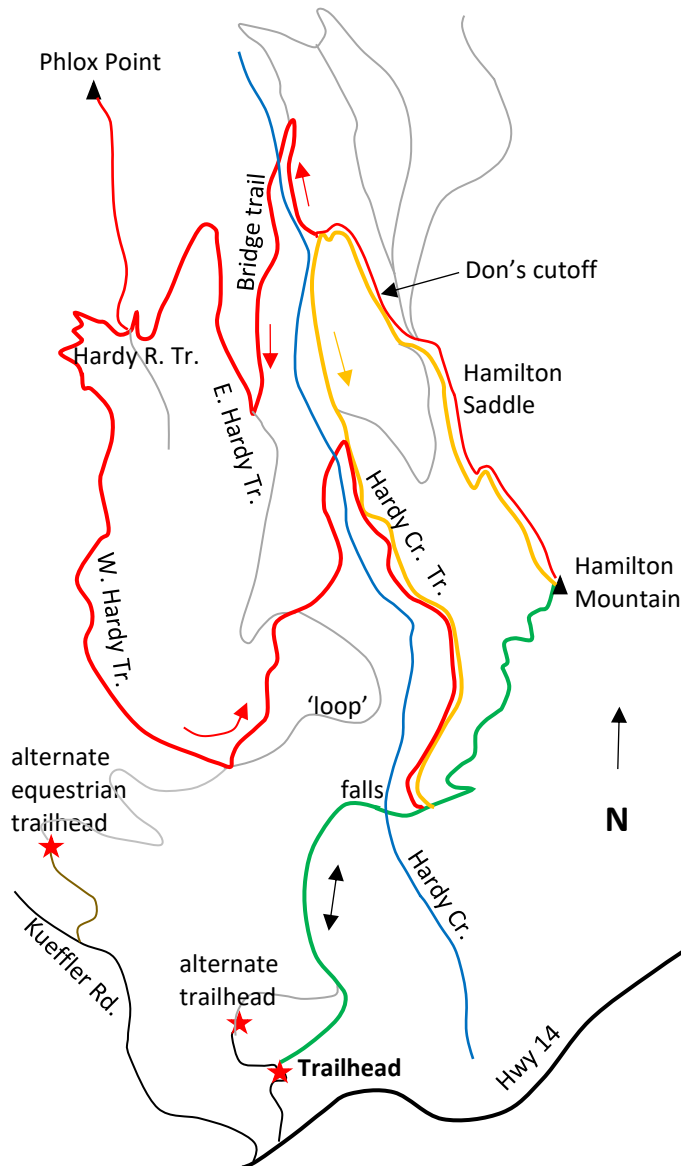
6 ½ miles, 2,100' gained

From the trailhead at the day use area, proceed up the trail a little over a mile to the falls. Cross the bridge and a short distance later pass by a trail to the left (return for the loop). Carry on uphill through many switchbacks, about two more miles. The summit is just to the right at the T intersection. Return the way you came.

Loop (green + orange route)

8 miles total, 2,100' gained

Proceed to the summit as described above. At the T intersection, go straight ahead, north, for less than a mile to the nice viewpoint of Hamilton Saddle. Immediately pass by two equestrian trails to the right, and just 100 yards or so later, see the sign for Don's cutoff trail. Take this, downhill, for ¾ of a mile or so. At the junction with a service road, go left, passing by another service road a short distance later. Just prior to crossing a land bridge over Hardy Creek, find the Hardy Creek trail on the left. Follow this for a little over a mile back to the point above the falls area. Turn right and head back to the parking lot.



Hamilton Mtn., Hardy Ridge, Phlox Point

14 ½ miles total, 3,800' gained

(green + red route)

Proceed to the summit as described above. Go north from the summit, passing by Hamilton Saddle and taking Don's cutoff. At the base of the cutoff, go right on the service road (left is the shorter loop).

After about ½ mile, the first junction is the Bridge Trail. Go left here, crossing Hardy Creek. Head uphill for less than a mile to a junction with the E. Hardy trail. Go right.

After a short distance this old road becomes an actual trail. Go uphill for a little over a mile, and at the ridge crest, is a four-way junction. Left is a dead-end viewpoint.

Go right (straight is the return), and complete the ¾ mile to Phlox Pt. Come back down, and take the right, downhill now through multiple switchbacks.

After less than two miles, junction with the equestrian alternate trailhead. Go left, ignoring the 'loop' trail.

After about a mile, cross Hardy Creek on the land bridge and go right on Hardy Creek trail, going right again near the falls area, and back to the parking lot.