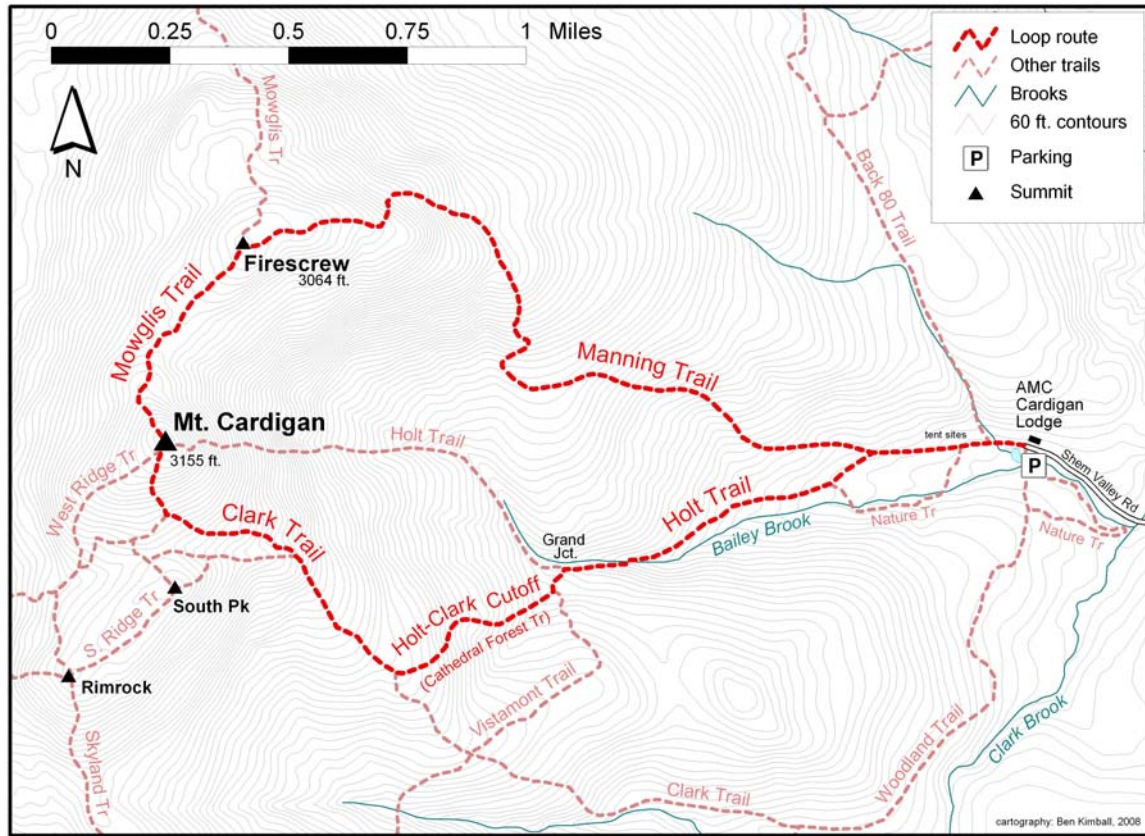


Mt. Cardigan loop trail route



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Suggested route: starting at the AMC's Cardigan Lodge, hike west up the Holt/Manning Trails. Take the Holt Trail to "Grand Junction" above the wooden bridge, then take the Holt-Clark Cutoff Trail through the Cathedral Forest (now mostly blown-down) to the Clark Trail. Follow the Clark Trail to the open summit. There is a firetower at the top of Mt. Cardigan. To complete the loop, take the Mowglis Trail down off the main summit and north across the semi-open ridge to the peak of Firescrew. Descend and return via the (sometimes steep) Manning Trail. Total trail distance is about 5 ½ miles.

Note: the vegetation at the summit of Mt. Cardigan is very fragile, and in danger of being trampled by the many hikers who visit. Please walk only on open rock surfaces there, and help protect the biodiversity of this spectacular area.