

Morgan's Miles (1-7)

Sagamore Road, Eighth Lake Campground,
Uncas Road Loop

Explore this turn of the century transportation route by mountain bike. This loop includes flat dirt roads that are appropriate for beginners as well as more challenging off-road trails for the advanced rider. Ride a section of the trails or do a 14- or 22-mile loop.

1. Sagamore Road toward Uncas Road

Distance: 2.2 miles

Leaving Sagamore, go left on the dirt road. At .2 miles the road splits with both forks gated. Go through the one on the right. It says private drive, but it is open to bike and foot traffic. After 2 miles of mostly uphill travel on the road look for a brown and yellow sign pointing to the right. Veer to the right as the road turns to the left.

2. Bear Pond Hunt Club Road/Uncas Road

Distance: 0.4 miles

Continue on this rocky road for a while and you come to a bridge. As you climb up a slight incline away from the bridge look for a TRAIL sign on the left side of the road pointing to the right. The trail on the right is flagged at the beginning with yellow and red tape. Keep a look out for this junction. It is frequently missed. The road is rocky as you approach and right turn off is sharp.

3. Old Uncas Road

Distance: 2.6 miles

As you leave the hunt club road you enter a great section of single track that brings you out on to Old Uncas Road, which is a snowmobile trail. This is a very easy trail to follow that goes through mud, rocks and over fallen logs. The trail is maintained, but trees come down often. There are several bridges out, but they all can be navigated while carrying your bike. The last one you come close to it. Be careful here because the washed-out bridge is abrupt after a good section of downhill trail. Soon after you cross this last bridge you come to a gate that can be ridden around. Then you will be at Route 28. At this point you can turn right on Route 28 towards

Raquette Lake to complete the 14-mile loop. Take a right onto Sagamore Road when you come to it. Another option is to cross Route 28 and enter Eighth Lake Campground to make your ride about 22 miles.

4. Eighth Lake Campground/Uncas Road

Distance: 4 miles

Follow the main road through the campground. At the point where the road takes a left, turn a wide trail starts straight ahead of you. Take this route and you soon pass over a bridge. At the first fork you come to bear left. The right is a spur trail to Eagle's Nest Lake. At 3.3 miles you come to a trail junction for Black Bear Mountain. Follow the signs to Uncas Road, a.k.a. Brown's Tract Road. At 4 miles from Route 28 you meet a dirt road, Uncas Road.

5. Uncas Road/Brown's Tract Road

Distance: 3 miles

Take a right onto the dirt road and after about 3 miles you will reach Upper Pond on your left. This is a great place to cool off and take a dip. There is a beach close to the road.

6a/6b. Old Railroad/Dillon Road

Distance: 2.2 – 3 miles

On the right, across the road from the beach access, there is a dirt road. This is the old railroad. At this point you have two options, to keep on the old Uncas Road and go over Fox Mountain via Uncas Rd (6a; 3 miles) or to take the old railroad (6b; 2.2 miles). The railroad is an easier route into Raquette Lake. The end of the old railroad becomes Dillon Road which then meets up with County Road 2 in downtown Raquette Lake. Once you pass the small library to your right, be on the lookout for a foundation on your left. After you see the foundation, turn right on the pavement and curve past the Raquette Lake Supply building.

7. Sagamore Road

Distance: 4 miles

If you follow the paved road through Raquette Lake Village and on towards Route 28 you will find the Sagamore Road for the final 4 miles of the bike route. This road can have heavy traffic.

Sargent Ponds (8 & 9)

The Sargent Ponds trails offer an excellent opportunity to bike through the woods on well-marked, fairly level, pathways. Separate trails lead to Upper and Lower Sargent Ponds with a connecting trail between them. The trailheads are reached by taking Route 28/30 south from the village of Long Lake to the intersection with North Point Road (Buttermilk Falls Road) continue on North Point Road past Buttermilk Falls (stop and view this area attraction) and the Forked Lake Campsite. The trailhead to Upper Sargent Pond is 6.3 miles from the intersection of Route 28/30 and Lower Sargent Pond trailhead is 7.9 miles from the same intersection. There are a few steep grades and the loop, if taken, is best from Lower Sargent Pond.

8. Upper Sargent Pond

Distance: 1.3 miles

This trail is well marked with snowmobile trail markers and with hiking trail markers. The trail leads south through a strand of hardwood and then skirts an evergreen marsh. The trail comes to an intersection. The left fork will lead you to Upper Sargent Pond.

9. Lower Sargent Pond via Grass Pond

Distance: 1.9 miles

This trail, marked with both snowmobile and hiking trail markers, leads primarily through hardwood stands with occasional stands of softwoods. As you near Grass Pond, the trail turns marshy and veers to the west around beaver flows. There is a lean-to on Lower Sargent Pond which is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

8 & 9. Sargent Pond Loop

Distance: 4.3 miles

It is possible to make the Upper and Lower Ponds into a loop by way of the trail via Middle Pond. Use the marked snowmobile trail north of the ponds to make this connection.

Morgan's Miles & Sargent Ponds Mountain Bike Trails



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