

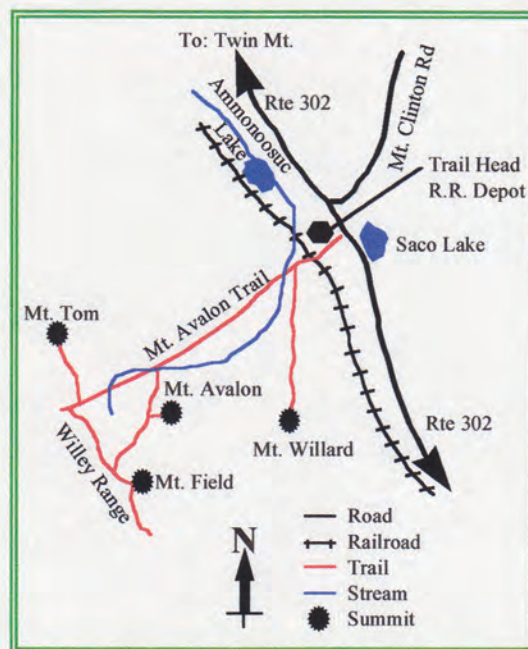
Hiking Mt. Avalon Trail

Mt. Avalon Trail was named by Moses F. Swetser, after the similarity to the Hills of Avalon, the legendary residence and burial place of King Arthur.

Access: From Twin Mountain approximately 8.5 miles east on Route 302 to the Crawford Depot where parking is available.

Trail Beginning: 1900 ft. in elevation (570 m). The Avalon Trailhead is across the railroad tracks at the Crawford Depot.

Trail Ending: 3410 ft. in elevation (1293 m).



The Avalon Trail ends at the intersection of the Willey Range Trail. The length is 2.6 miles (4.1 km) to the junction of the Willey Range Trail. The trail is easy grade for 0.7 miles then moderate for the remainder. Approximately 500 ft. from the Depot you enter the White Mountain National Forest. A side trail turns left (south) to Mt. Willard. A short side trail to the left will take you to Pearl Cascades. The trail crosses the last brook crossing over open rocks which may be slippery when wet. The trail steepens to a more moderate grade in a spruce/fir forest. The trail connects with the A-Z Trail to Mt. Tom and Zealand Valley. Continue left on the Mt. Avalon Trail. Mt. Avalon Spur Trail (300 ft. in length) leads to the open summit of Mt. Avalon.

Facing northeast you are looking at the backbone of the Presidential Range capped by 6288 foot Mt. Washington, the tallest peak in the northeast. If clear, it is easily recognizable by the buildings on the summit.

To the south is Crawford Notch.

To the west are the wooded summits of Mt. Field on the left and Mt. Tom on the right. In the valley is a large white building with a bright red roof, which is the famous Mt. Washington Hotel, the largest and most famous of the grand hotels that once dotted this area. Directly below in the valley is the Crawford Notch Depot and Hostel. This is also the site of the famous Crawford House Hotel which was destroyed by fire. Just to the right is Saco Pond.

From the summit of Mt. Avalon, continue at a moderate grade to the summit of Mt. Field (2.7 miles). The trail ends with the intersection of the Willey Range Trail. To return by a different trail, turn right (northwest) on the Willey Range Trail. The trail descends at an easy grade 0.9 miles to the intersection with A-Z Trail. Turn right once again. Nearby on the left is Mt. Tom Spur Trail, it terminates 0.6 miles at a wooded summit. Halfway to the summit is a view to the south. From the intersection of Mt. Tom Spur Trail, continue down the A-Z Trail 1.3 miles to the intersection with the Mt. Avalon Trail.

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