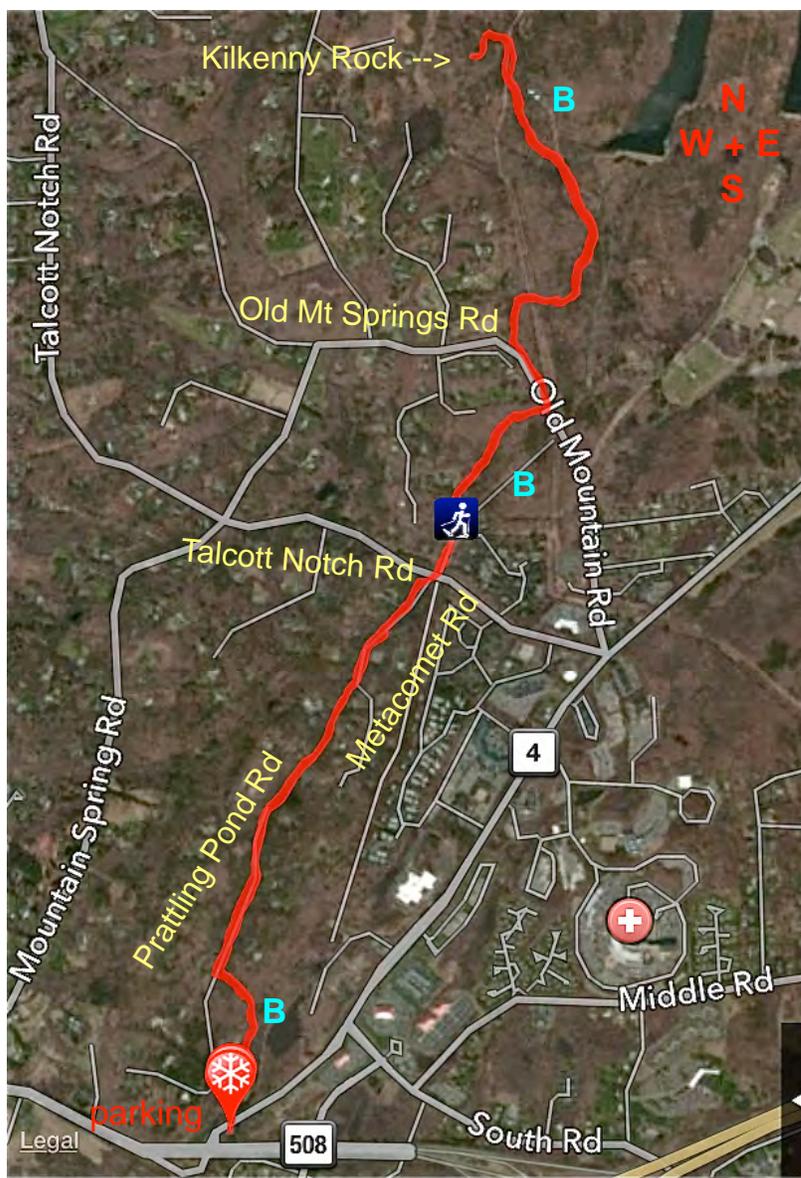


New England Trail

Farmington's Metacomet north section
6.0 miles
2,200 feet vertical



blue blazes of the NET



A glacial erratic on Kilkeny Rock

The north section of the NET in Farmington is mostly a woodland walk for 3.0 miles to the summit of Kilkeny Rock with views of Hartford and the UCONN Health Center when the leaves have gone. Kilkeny Rock is the highest point in the northeast corner of Farmington and is topped by a large glacial erratic (photo). It is the longest of the 3 sections and has the most vertical feet. To preserve this trail, it is important to hike responsibly, since much of the trail passes through private lands.

Park at the Prattling Pond commuter lot on rt. 4 (41° 43' 27.62" N 72° 48' 28.16" W). The blue blazed trail starts on the other side of rt. 4 (be very cautious crossing). In a short distance, the blue trail turns right off Prattling Pond Road. At 0.4 miles turn right back onto Prattling Pond Road. At 0.7 miles turn right as the trail parallels the road heading northeast. At 0.8 miles it returns to the road. At 0.9 miles continue straight as it returns to the woodlands. At 1.1 miles, turn left onto Metacomet Road. At 1.2 miles it returns to the trail and parallels Metacomet Road. Cross over Talcott Notch Road at 1.4 miles. Reach the junction with Old Mountain Springs Road at 1.9 miles and turn left. In a short distance you will pass through a latched MDC gate. The trail follows the road, but inside the gate. At 2.0 miles the trail make a right turn away from the gate. **At 2.1 miles be alert**, as the trail makes another 90° right turn that is easy to miss because a very well used trail goes straight. A short distance after that turn you cross under some power lines and return to the woods at 2.2 miles. **At 2.3 miles be alert** for a 90° left turn, because an unmarked trail goes straight. At 2.4 miles, turn left on a wide grassy section with the trail in the middle. Note the large yellow trail crossing sign at this junction. At 2.6 miles, turn left on a dirt road followed shortly by a right turn back onto the blue trail. At 2.8 miles the trail merges with the gas line. You will pass 2 gas line posts that have a blue blaze on the top. After passing the second one, look for the left turn back into the woods at 2.9 miles. Continue on the blue trail to Kilkeny Rock summit at 710 feet. Hike around the erratic and retrace your steps for a total of 6.0 miles and a total of 2,200 vertical feet (up + down).

link for the Blue Trails Interactive Map: <http://www.ctwoodlands.org/blue-blazed-hiking-trails>

link for the Metacomet Ridge: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metacomet_Ridge