

# THE CATAMOUNT TRAIL:

is a **300-MILE LONG** cross country ski trail in Vermont, extending from Massachusetts to Canada.



**80+ PEOPLE** have skied the entire trail.

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is managed by the **CATAMOUNT TRAIL ASSOCIATION**, a 2000-member non-profit organization based in Burlington.

is divided into **31 SECTIONS**. Each section is the responsibility of one or more trail chiefs. The trail is **MAINTAINED ALMOST ENTIRELY BY VOLUNTEERS**.



cross-country ski trail in the United States.

## READSBORO:

is where the **CATAMOUNT TRAIL BEGINS!**

(OK, technically the beginning of the trail at the Mass. border is in the southwest corner of Whitingham, but to get there, you have to start skiing from Readsboro.)

is on **SECTION ONE,**

which starts at the Massachusetts border and continues north 8 miles to Harriman Dam.

is **ONE OF THE ONLY VILLAGES** on the entire Catamount Trail.



### CAN I HIKE ON THE CATAMOUNT TRAIL?

CTA's agreement with landowners is for winter recreation. But in the Readsboro area, the trail is entirely on the lands of utility company Great River Hydro, and these lands are open to public use year-round. **So, around Readsboro, YES!** (Keep in mind that the trail is maintained for winter travel and may be wet or overgrown during the summer months.)

### CAN I SNOWSHOE ON THE CATAMOUNT TRAIL?

**YES!** But where possible, please try and not walk in fresh ski tracks. An untrampled ski track makes for a safer and more enjoyable skiing experience, especially for beginners.

### I'M A BEGINNER SKIER. IS THE TRAIL APPROPRIATE FOR ME?

**YES!** In fact, the section around Readsboro is **one of the most beginner-friendly parts** of the entire Catamount Trail. The route is generally flat, being mostly on old roads and railroad beds. There may be a few places where beginners will want to take off their skis to cross a small stream, but there are no steep hills (the exception is one small hill near Harriman Dam; even intermediate skiers often walk this short 150-foot stretch).

### WHERE IN READSBORO IS THE CATAMOUNT TRAIL?

Turn the page for a map of the Catamount Trail in Readsboro.

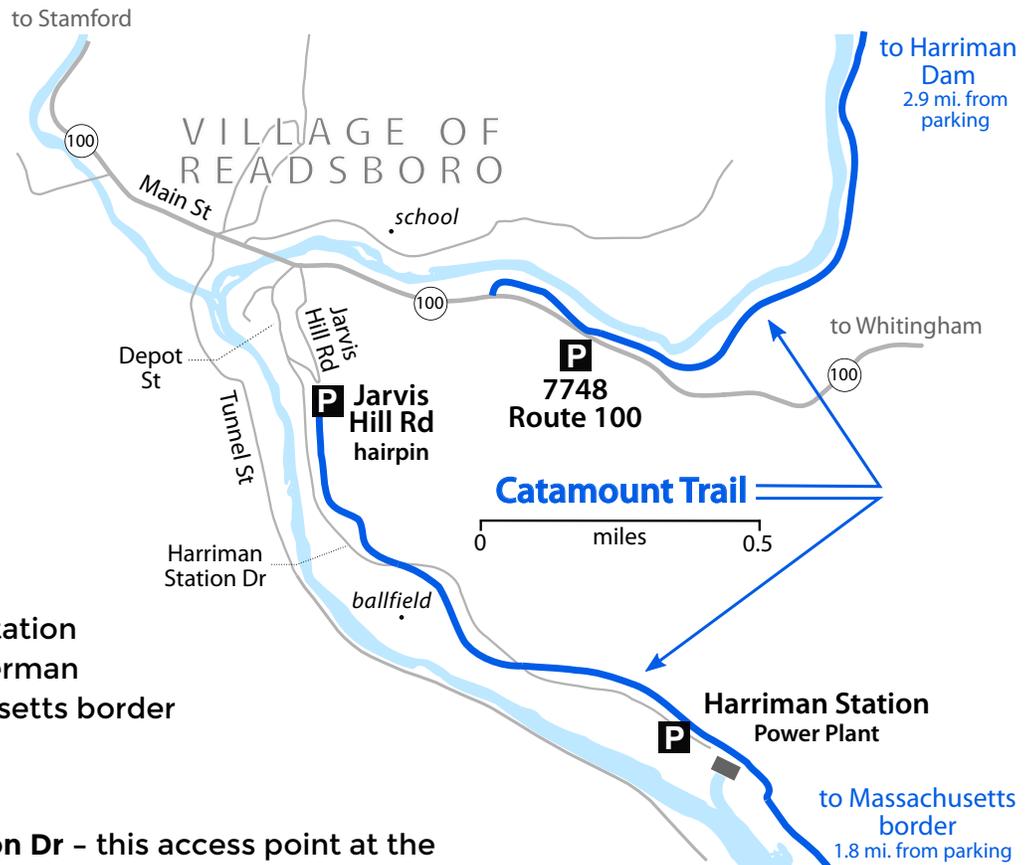
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## ACCESS POINTS:

**P** 7748 Route 100, one-half mile east of the village - skiers follow the old railroad grade north through a remote valley 3 miles to Harriman Dam.

**P** Jarvis Hill Rd at the hairpin curve - a former town road and then the railroad grade leads skiers south past the Harriman Station power plant and along Sherman Reservoir to the Massachusetts border in 2.8 miles.

**P** End of Harriman Station Dr - this access point at the power plant shortens the distance to the Massachusetts border to 1.8 miles.



## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

about the **Catamount Trail**, visit the Catamount Trail Association's website, [www.catamounttrail.org](http://www.catamounttrail.org).

*trail information, guided tours, work days, skiing instruction*

about how to get involved locally, check out the Dutch Hill Alliance of Skiers and Hikers, the Catamount Trail Association's Southern Vermont Chapter. Their website is [www.dhash4vt.org](http://www.dhash4vt.org).

*connect with skiers in the area, learn about backcountry opportunities at the old Dutch Hill ski area, support non-motorized winter recreation in Southern Vermont*

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One membership covers both CTA and DHASH.**