Welcome to the Downerville State Forest.

Please sign the trail register located on the map below so that we can better estimate usage and get user feedback. In addition to 3 miles of roads, there are over 13 miles of trails available for hiking and mountain biking.

This trail system was developed through a Volunteer Stewardship Agreement (VSA) with the St. Lawrence County Mountain Biking Association.

For more information see the NYS DEC Web page for Downerville State Forest at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/97336.html

Legend

- KIOSK
- PRIMITIVE CAMPSITE
- UNPAVED PARKING LOT

Rivers

- Grass River Wild Forest

Downerville State Forest

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- Grass River

Legend

- 1 RIVER TRAIL
- 2 BYPASS TRAIL
- 3 GRANDMA'S CLIMB TRAIL
- 4 MILO'S LOOP TRAIL
- 5 DROP DOWN 1 TRAIL
- 6 DROP DOWN 2 TRAIL
- 7 GRANDPA'S CLIMB TRAIL
- 8 NICKY'S LOOP TRAIL
- 9 AUNT MARY'S CLIMB
- 10 BUCKY'S TRAIL
- 11 THE SLINGSHOT TRAIL
- 12 LULU'S ROCK TRAIL
- 13 UNDER CONSTRUCTION
- 14 CONNECTOR TRAIL
- 15 AMANDA'S LOOP TRAIL
- 16 VIOLET'S LOOP TRAIL
- 17 ZIPPY'S LOOP TRAIL

Trails

- Roads

- No.BranchofGrassRiver

- GrassRiver

- DownervilleRoad

- RiverHaulRoad

- MothershipRoad

- HarpersFalls

- River Public Forest

- Access Road

- Gravel Pit

- 5/19/17
1 River Trail (red) is a 1.6 mile trail and parallels the North Branch of the Grass River. The center section from Drop-Down 2 to Grandma’s Clime is the most technical section and is best biked downstream/ downhill.

2 Bypass Trail (red) is a 0.2 mile trail section allowing for an easier climb along the river.

3 Grandma’s Climb (yellow) is a 1.3 mile climb up from the river. Although it is not a technical trail, it is a demanding climb containing short steep sections and switchbacks. It is often biked downhill.

4 Milo’s Loop (red) is a 2.2 mile trail which travels across the top of the ridge before dropping part way down to the river and then looping back up.

5 Drop-Down 1 (yellow) is a 0.2 mile trail that connects the River Trail with Milo’s Loop. It has multiple steep climbs and switchbacks.

6 Drop-Down 2 (yellow) is a 0.25 mile trial and is a more advanced trail with several steep demanding technical sections. This is a one-way only trail with bikes in one direction down to the river.

7 Grandpa’s Climb (blue) is a 1.0 mile trail that parallels Grandma’s Climb trail. There are no technical sections but there are short steep sections and switchbacks.

8 Nicky’s Loop (red) is a 1.2 mile trail that climbs up a hill and then circles to the top. The climb up the hill is demanding. Once up top, it is a much easier ride.

9 Aunt Mary’s Climb (yellow) is a 0.5 mile climb up to Nicky’s Loop. It has 17 switchbacks.

10 Bucky’s Trail (blue) is a 1.1 mile trail that meanders along wetlands. It has no technical sections or steep climbs.

11 Slingshot (yellow) is a 0.25 mile trail. It is an advanced half-pipe style trail. The trail runs down through a gully. It has several momentum climbs up the sides.

12 Lulu’s Rock Trail (blue) is a 1.4 mile trail which climbs up to Lulu’s Rock and back down to the River Haul Road.

13 Under Construction (yellow) is a 1.9 mile trail which is under construction.

14 Connector Trail (red) is a 0.1 mile trail that links the Parking Area and the River Trail.

15 Amanda’s Loop Trail (blue) is a 0.6 mile novice trail that is at times lumpy.

16 Violet’s Loop Trail (red) is a 0.7 mile novice trail with some climbs and switchbacks.

17 Zippy’s Loop Trail (yellow) is a 0.7 mile novice trail that is relatively flat.

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