



East Dorset Trail



Trail Highlights

The East Dorset trail follows portions of a historic road along Mad Tom Brook, a scenic brook originating in the Peru Peak Wilderness. Remnants of the original road including an impressive retaining wall and other signs of yesteryear are visible to those on the lookout. This trail provides a connection from East Dorset to the Appalachian/Long Trail (AT/LT).

BE PREPARED:

- WITH KNOWLEDGE AND GEAR.**
- TO LEAVE YOUR PLANS.**
- TO STAY TOGETHER.**
- TO TURN BACK.**
- FOR EMERGENCIES.**
- TO SHARE THE HIKER CODE WITH OTHERS.**



Access

From Route 7 in East Dorset, turn on Mad Tom Road across from the East Dorset General Store. Travel east on Mad Tom Road for approximately 0.6 miles and look for the trailhead parking lot before the road makes a sharp northward turn.

From Route 11 in Peru, turn on Main Street and then on Hapgood Pond Rd. In approximately 1 mile, turn left on North Rd. In .75 mile, turn left on Mad Tom Notch Rd (FR 21). Continue on FR 21 past the AT/LT parking area. The East Dorset Trail begins just beyond FR 58 on the north side of FR 21, about 2.7 miles from the intersection of FR 21 and North Rd.

Trail Information

4 miles from East Dorset trailhead to junction with Appalachian/Long Trail

1,480' elevation change

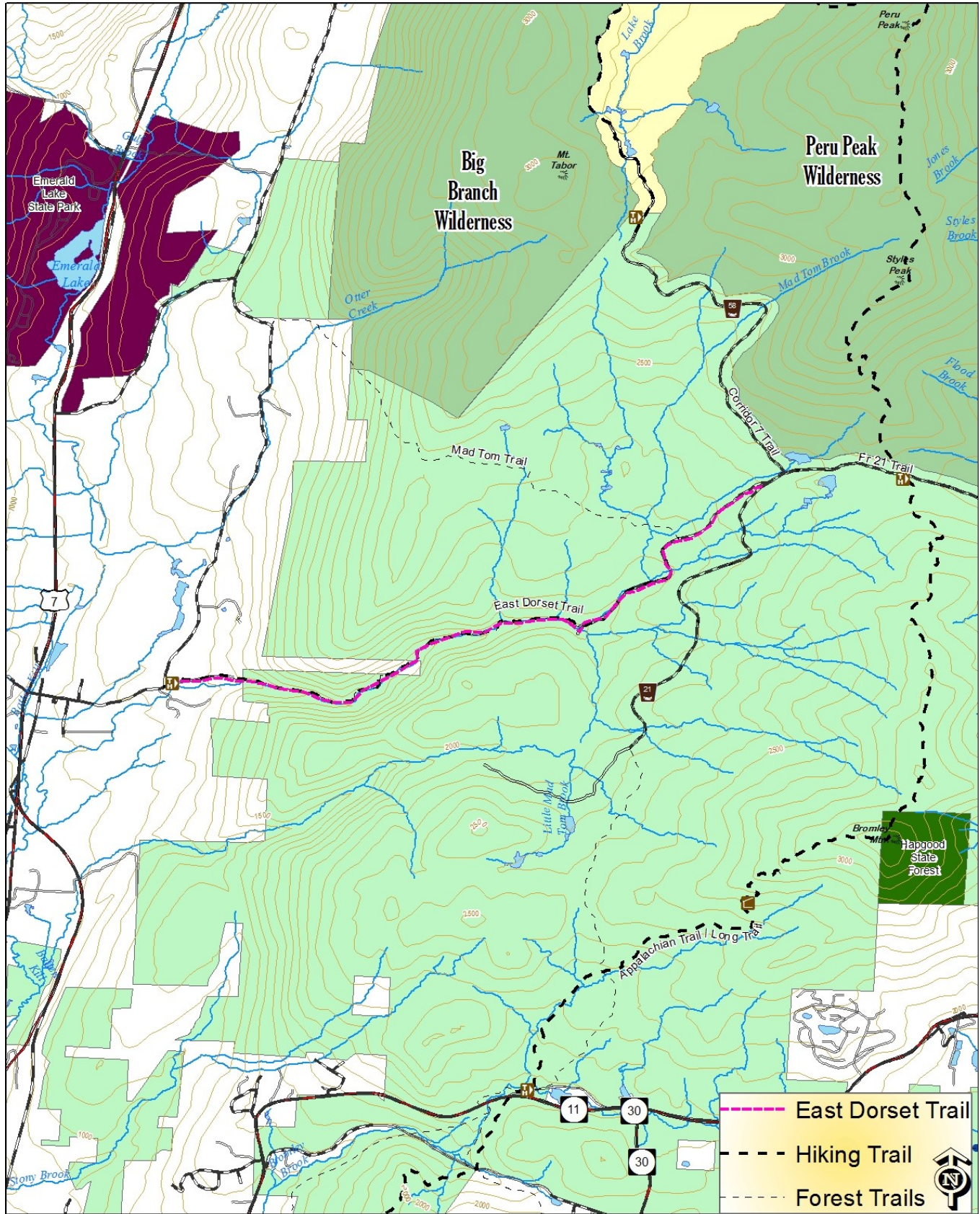
The East Dorset trail offers a nearly 4.0 mile hike from the trailhead in East Dorset to the Appalachian/Long Trail at the Mad Tom Notch parking area on FR 21. The trail gains 1,480 feet of elevation from East Dorset to Mad Tom Notch. The trail, marked with blue blazes, follows the Mad Tom Brook along portions of a historic road. At 1.82 miles, the trail crosses the Mad Tom Brook over a constructed ford. Caution should be used during periods of high water and hikers should be prepared to turn back. After crossing Mad Tom Brook, the trail continues uphill and becomes coincident with the Mad Tom Snowmobile trail at 2.9 miles. This portion of the trail was used for timber harvest in 2018 and is open to snowmobile use December 16-April 16 each year. The trail is closed to other motorized use. The trail then ends at its junction with Forest Road 21 at 3.3 miles. To continue to the Appalachian/Long Trail, turn east and walk 0.6 miles on Forest Road 21.

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