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Group Hike

THE KNOX TRAIL IN
OTIS
NARRATED BY TOM
RAGUSA

APRIL 29TH 10:00 AM

CORNER OF ALGERIE AND EAST OTIS ROAD PARKING 42.17402 -73.02689

Guided Group Hike

Narrated by Mr. Tom Ragusa, local historian 3.7 miles one way on the infamous "Ye Trodden Path" we will hike that same route as the 1764 Survey where Colonel Henry Knox in the winter of 1775-1776 transported from Ticonderoga, NY to Cambridge, MA ordnance-59 cannons, for the use of Washington's Army.

The History

In 1758 this route was traveled by General Amherst, a time where Blandford was then Glasgow with 20 families, mostly Irish. The Hilltowns of Russell, Blandford, Otis, Sandisfield, Monterey..were crossed by hearty men and oxen. We will start at the Black Oak Staddle at Station #1, past the 65 miles to Albany stone marker and visit all the waypoints along the way to Route 8 and the General Wadsworth Campsite.

What to Bring

Please register per car at www.hilltownhikers.com Suggested donation is \$5. Maps and bottled water provided. Well behaved dogs allowed. Please bring hiking poles and a snack. We hike rain or shine. Be prepared for muddy conditions, some road walking, and deep woods. We will carpool back to the start.



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