

## TUMBLEDOWN MOUNTAIN

### Loop Trail

**Location:** Weld, Franklin County

**Description of Hike:** The Loop Trail slowly meanders across a brook and through a boggy area in the woods before beginning a steep ascent of the ridge below Tumbledown Cliffs. After a mile, the trail wraps around a giant boulder and ascends up a giant boulder field to an upper ridge. Stay to the right on the loop trail which passes through the trees to the upper ridgeline with views of the surrounding hills. Continue to the East summit where Tumbledown Pond is nestled between peaks. This is a great place for a picnic and swim before heading down the mountain via Brooks Trail.

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**Directions:** From Weld, travel north 2 miles on ME 142 and take the left fork at Weld corner. At a second fork located approximately one mile, stay right on a gravel road until you reach the Chimney and Loop Trails on your left at mile 5. Park on the side of the road.

**Total Distance:** 6.1 miles

**Hiking Time:** 5 hours

### Additional Maps

DeLorme Maine Atlas and Gazetteer, Map 19, C1-3  
USGS 7.5' Roxbury and Jackson; USGS 15' Rumford and Rangeley

### Local Attractions:

### Sources:

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**LMF Background:** In addition to providing three grants, LMF worked with the federal Forest Legacy Program and private foundations to secure funding for the purchase of Tumbledown's three peaks and 2,468 acres of surrounding land. This purchase expanded nearby Mt. Blue State Park. The Trust for Public Land's Maine Field Office, Tumbledown Conservation Alliance and the Maine Department of Conservation also worked together to help protect the area's rocky cliffs and alpine lake from development.