



# Green Mountain *National Forest*

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# Chatfield Loop

## Trail Facts:

<b>Length:</b> 12.5 miles round trip	<b>Feature:</b> Views, Woods, Meadows
<b>Max. Elevation Change:</b> 400 feet	<b>USGS maps:</b> Breadloaf & East Middlebury Quads
<b>Amount of use:</b> Light	<b>Difficulty level:</b> Difficult
<b>Average trip time:</b> 3 – 4 hours	

## Trail Description:

From the parking area follow the trail markers to a locked gate. Once around the gate the trail follows a woods road (Widow’s Clearing Trail), which ascends gradually to a height of land, and then descends to its intersection with the Water Tower Ski Trail System. Turn left at this intersection and continue on the Widow’s Clearing Trail for 0.3 of a mile to another intersection. The trail continues straight while the Widow’s Clearing Trail turns left. After 0.1 of a mile you arrive at another intersection with the Afternoon Delight and Sundown Trails. Continue straight on the Sundown Trail to a small clearing where the trail goes straight ahead on Forest Road 89 to a locked gate and Forest Road 32 (Ripton-Goshen Road). Turn left on FR 32 and go until you reach an intersection on the left with Sugar Hill Reservoir/Goshen Dam Road (FR 143). Turn left onto this road and continue until you intersect with a ski trail on the right that is part of the Blueberry Hill Cross-Country Ski Area, which is signed as intersection #37. Continue on this trail to the next intersection (#35) and take the left fork onto the Sucker Brook Trail. Stay on the Sucker Brook Trail to the next intersection (#33) and take a left where you will intersect with FR 67 (Brooks Road) after approximately 200 feet. Continue on FR 67 for 3.5 miles until you intersect with the Chatfield Parking Area on the left.

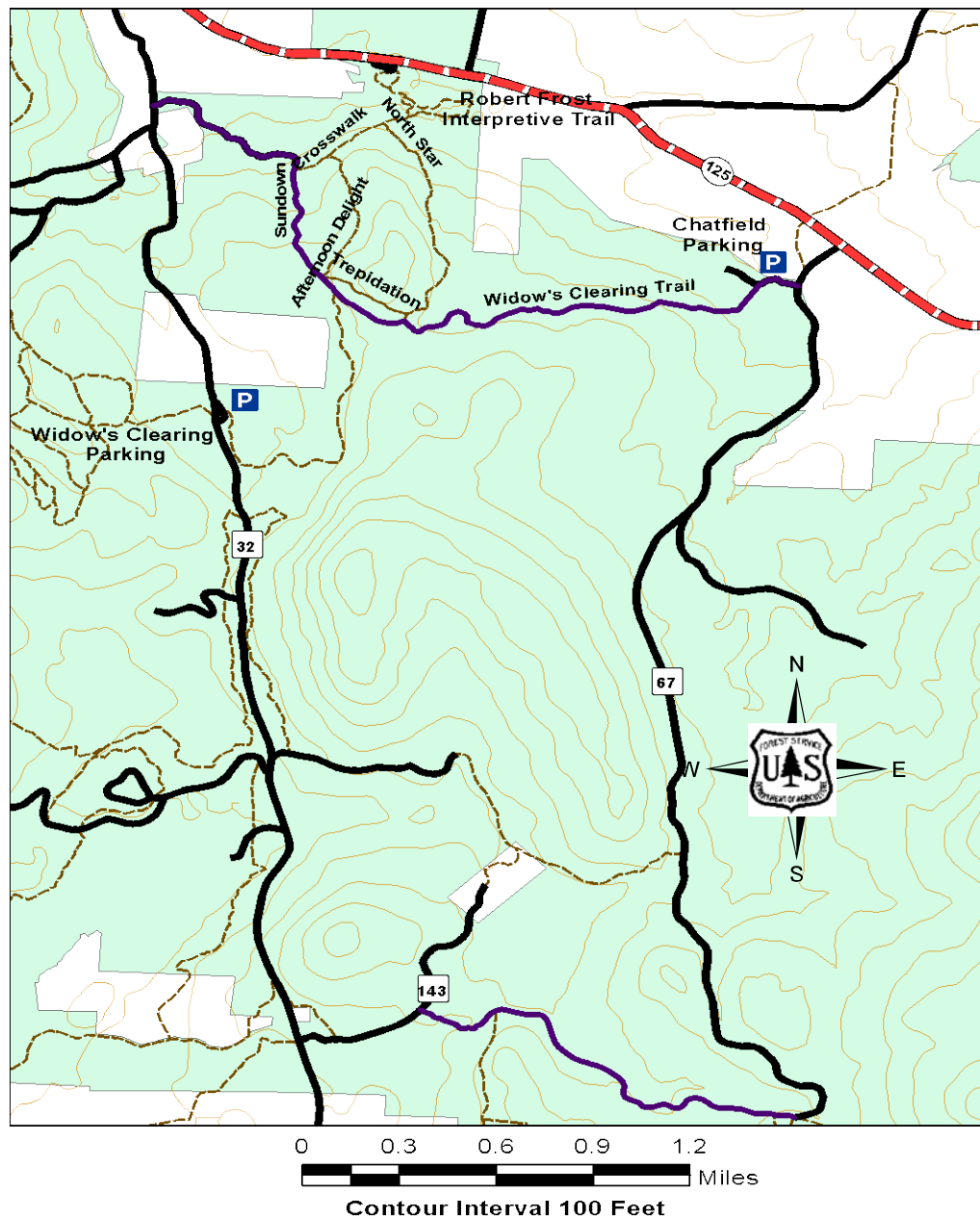
## Directions:

**From Middlebury**, travel south 4.0 miles on Route 7 to where it intersects with Route 125. Travel east on Route 125 for approximately 7 miles to its intersection with FR 67 (Brooks Rd). Turn right onto FR 67 to the Chatfield Parking Area.

**From Rochester**, travel north 4.0 miles on Route 100 to its intersection with Route 125. Travel west on Route 125 for approximately 8.5 miles to its intersection with FR 67 (Brooks Rd). Turn left onto FR 67 to the Chatfield Parking Area.

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Area Services:

<b>Food and Services:</b> Rochester and Middlebury restaurants and fuel stations
<b>For all Emergencies: 911</b>
<b>911 Information:</b> The trailhead is in the Town of Ripton, off Forest Road 67 (Brooks Road)

For More Information:

Middlebury Ranger District, 1007 Route 7 South, Middlebury, VT 05753, (802) 388-4362  
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