

Our Changing Times

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Breakneck Ridge is a Metro-North Railroad station that serves hikers and campers traveling to and from Breakneck Ridge, north of Cold Spring, New York, via the Hudson Line. Trains stop there on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays only. Twelve trains serve it daily on those days, six to Poughkeepsie in the morning and early afternoon, and six to Grand Central Terminal in the afternoon and early evening. It is 55 miles (89 km) from Grand Central Terminal, which takes approximately one hour, 28 minutes.

This station has two low-level side platforms each long enough for one door of one car to receive or discharge passengers. It is located off an embankment from New York State Route 9D, with only one sign (on the east side of the track), merely a small path leading to the overpass and then down to the tracks about 0.5 miles

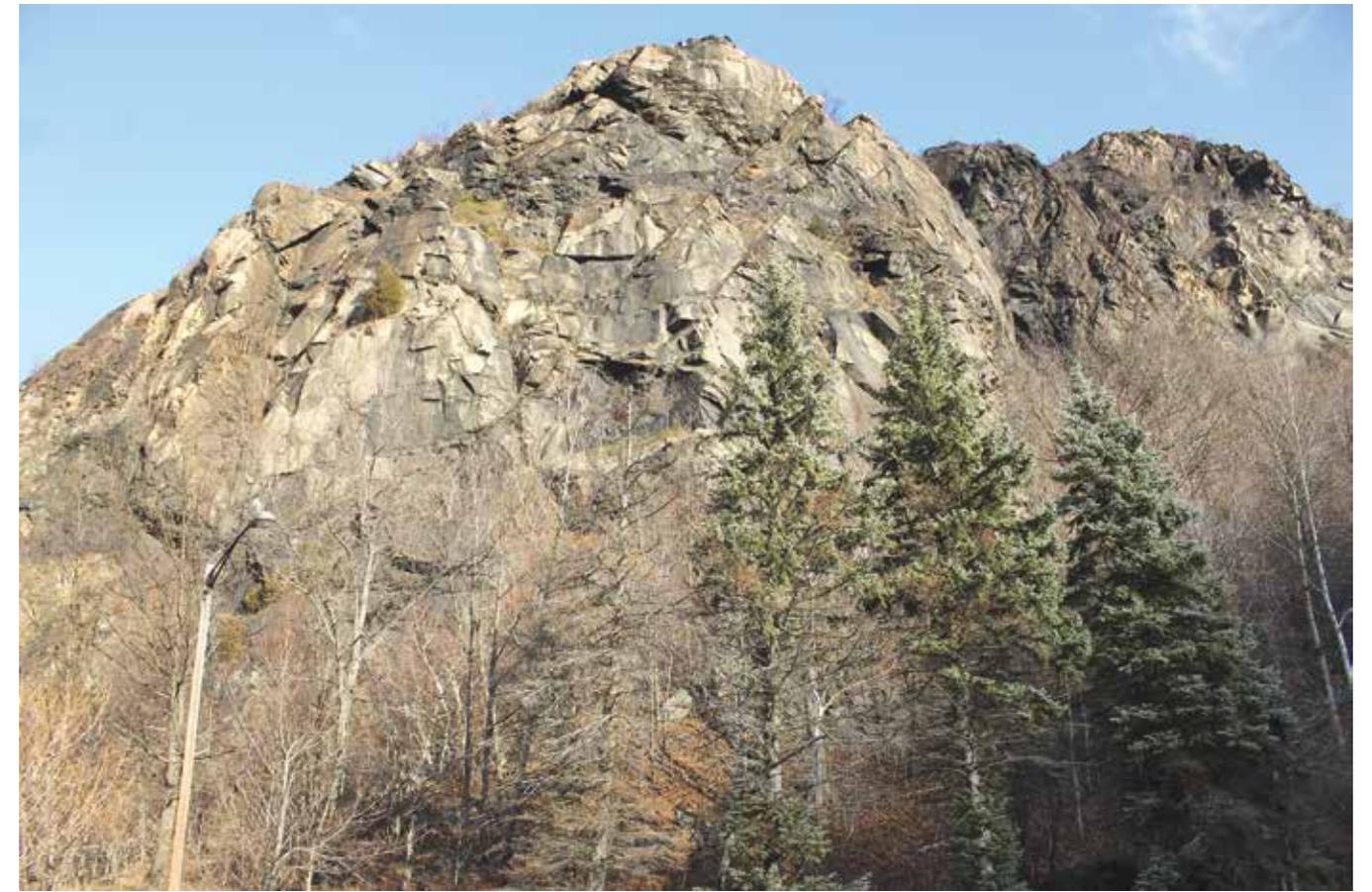
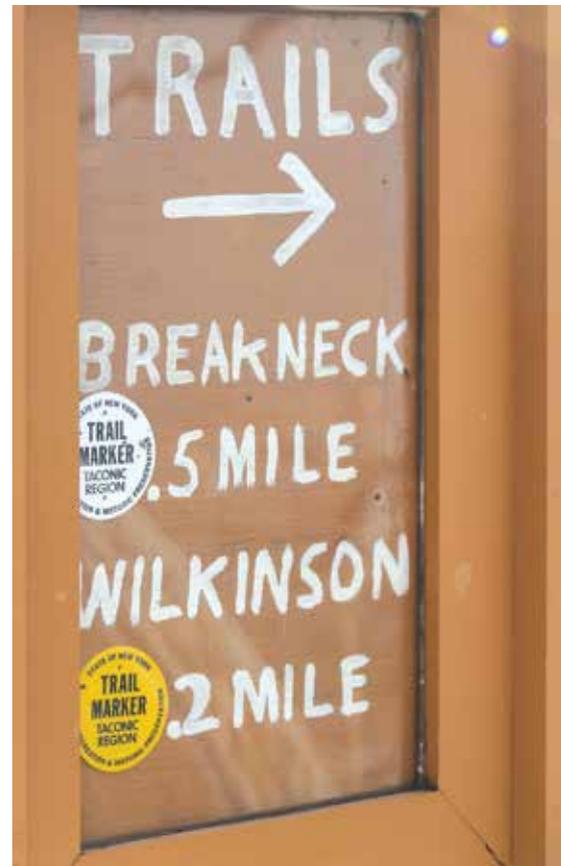
(0.80 km) north of the main parking area for the Breakneck Ridge hiking trail. A small, wooden low-level platform permits disembarkation from the front of the last car on the train (i.e. the door one car length from Grand Central Terminal when boarding).

The Breakneck Ridge Trail has become one of the most utilized trails in the Hudson River Valley!

On weekends Route 9D is packed with parked cars all along the base of the mountain. It is a tremendous asset to the areas tourist trade and especially to the Village of Cold Spring.

In the fall of the year it has become a "must do" for thousands of hikers, as the views from the top will take your breath away.

Recently portable bathrooms have been placed near the parking areas, which are most helpful.



The Metro North train stops here, however there is no formal station, just a foot stool for hikers getting off to step down onto a dirt path. It reminds one of Canadian RR Stops. So many hikers use the trains on weekends that it actually delays the entire Metro North Schedule.