



# Green Mountain National Forest

## Mount Horrid and The Great Cliff

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### Trail Facts:

<b>Length:</b> 1.6 miles round trip	<b>Features:</b> Views
<b>Max. Elevation Change:</b> 620 feet	<b>USGS maps:</b> Mount Carmel Quad
<b>Amount of use:</b> Heavy	<b>Hiking level:</b> Difficult
<b>Average trip time:</b> 1½ – 2 hours round trip	

### Trail Description:

#### The Great Cliff via Long Trail

From Brandon Gap, follow the Long Trail north for 0.7 miles to a blue blazed spur trail that leads 0.1 miles up a set of rock steps out to the Great Cliff. The trail is quite steep, but the excellent view at the top makes the trip worthwhile. From March to August of some years, the cliffs are closed to protect nesting Peregrine falcons. Watch for closure signs.

#### Mt. Horrid Overlook

Mt. Horrid Overlook is located on Route 73 east of Brandon Gap, overlooking a beaver pond and the cliffs on the side of Mt. Horrid. The beaver pond is a good place to search for wildlife, such as moose and beaver, while the cliffs are at times a home for nesting Peregrine falcons.

Please practice Leave No Trace ethics, such as carry out what you carry in.

### Directions:

**From Rochester**, take Route 100 south to its junction with Route 73. Follow Route 73 west for 8.8 miles to the top of Brandon Gap. Trailhead parking is on the left, on the west side of the gap. Please secure valuables in your vehicle, as this parking lot experiences vandalism. The trail starts on the north side of Route 73. Mt. Horrid Overlook parking is at 8.7 miles.

**From Brandon**, take Route 73 east for 7.5 miles. Trailhead parking is on the right, just before the top of Brandon Gap. Please secure valuables in your vehicle, as this parking lot experiences vandalism. The trail starts on the north side of Route 73. Mt. Horrid Overlook parking is at 7.6 miles.

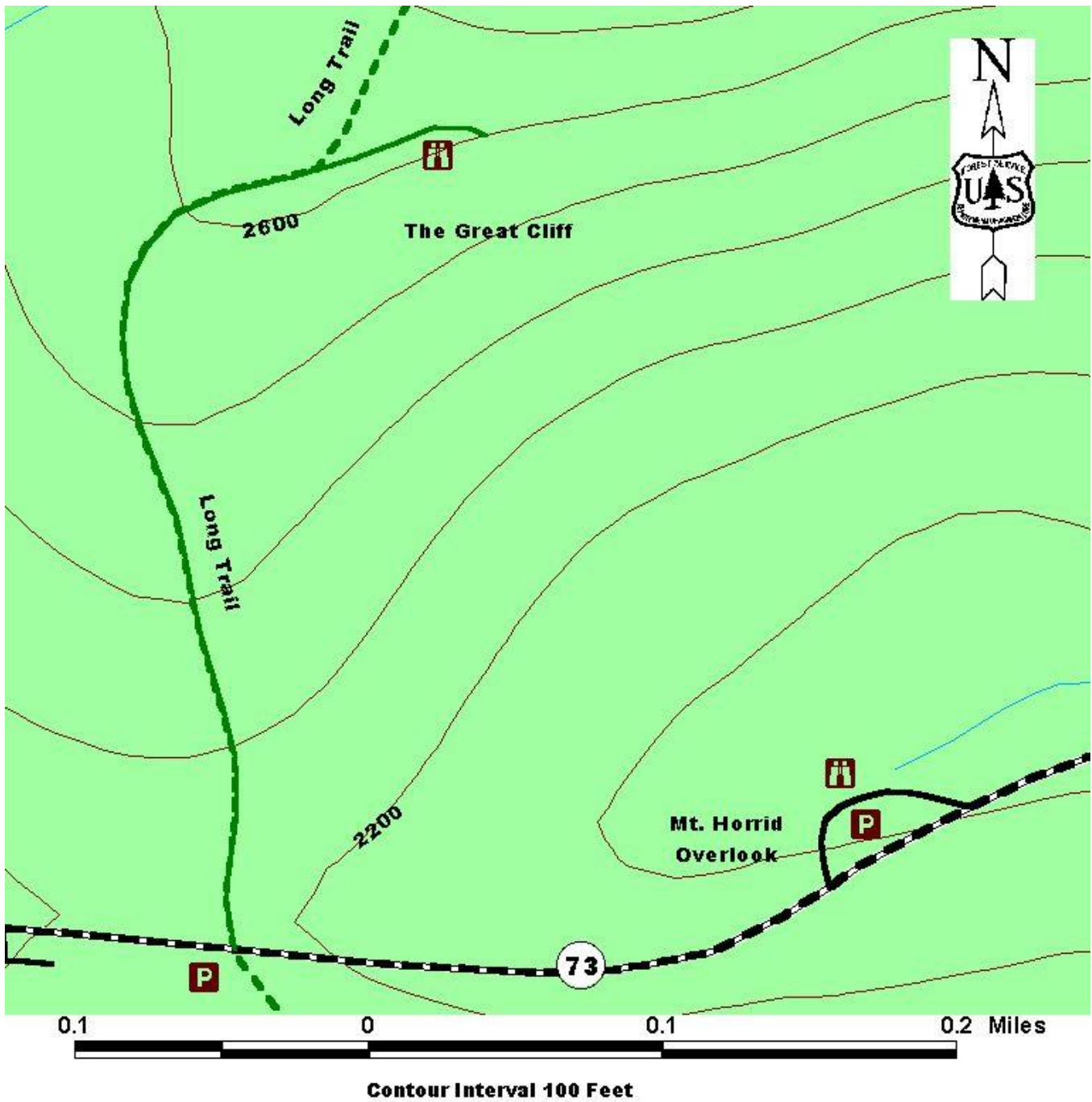
### Area Services:

<b>Food and Services:</b> Rochester and Brandon restaurants and fuel stations
<b>For all Emergencies: 911</b>
<b>911 Information:</b> The trailhead is in the Town of Goshen, on Route 73

### Map:

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