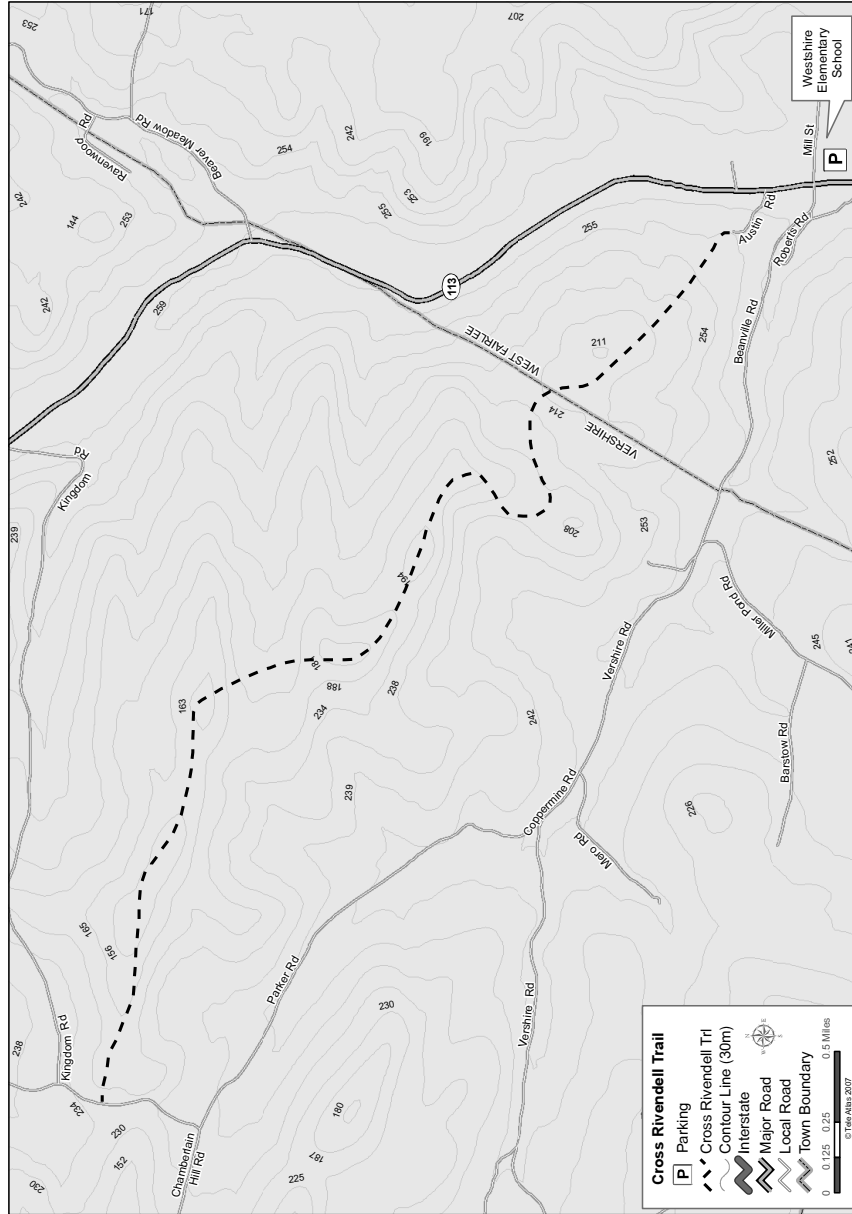


# Ely Coppermine Ridge

*A section of the Cross Rivendell Trail between Parker Rd and Austin Rd, West Fairlee, VT*



*Uses:* Hiking, snowshoeing, and skiing.  
*Ownership:* The Cross-Rivendell Trail is located on land that is privately owned and is made available to trail users through the generosity of individual landowners. This trail is managed by the Rivendell Trails Association with indispensable help from volunteers. For a complete description of the entire Cross Rivendell Trail, please see [www.crossrivendelltrail.org](http://www.crossrivendelltrail.org)  
*Distance:* 4.9 miles one way

## Directions

From I-91 take exit 14 and head west on Rte 113 towards Chelsea. Travel 8 miles and turn left onto Austin Rd. Turn left again, into the trailhead parking area. If this area is not accessible due to snow, alternative parking is available at the Westshire Elementary School, located one-quarter mile east of Austin Rd on Rte 113, on the opposite side of the highway.

## Description

This trail is a segment of the 38-mile Cross Rivendell Trail between Vershire, Vermont and Orford, New Hampshire. It travels above the historic Ely Copper Mine, once the largest copper mine in the United States, which operated from 1821 to 1920. The trail travels along an oak ridge above the old mine site. As on many trails, the absence of leaves makes winter views very different from a summer experience, and along the Ely Copper Mine Ridge there are spectacular wintertime views of the Vermont hills and Franconia Ridge in New Hampshire. The trail follows several woods roads, so be sure to keep an eye on the blue blazes that mark the trail.

