



## LAKES REGION CONSERVATION TRUST

### CASTLE IN THE CLOUDS CONSERVATION AREA HIKER ACHIEVEMENT PATCH PROGRAM

#### General Information:

The 5,381-acre Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area is the largest property owned and stewarded by the Lakes Region Conservation Trust (LRCT). This conserved land provides extraordinary hiking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing opportunities on numerous trails and carriage roads.

The Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area Hiker Achievement Patch Program is an LRCT project designed to recognize hikers who have ascended 5 major summits and hiked 19 designated trails, totaling 30 miles, located entirely within LRCT's Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area. There is no time limit for earning the patch. You can hike, snowshoe, or cross-country ski the trails—enjoy the property in all seasons!

#### 5 Summits

#### 19 Trails

#### 30 Miles

##### Summits

1. Bald Knob
2. Black Snout
3. Mt. Shaw
4. Mt. Roberts
5. Turtleback Mtn.

##### Elevation

- 1,801'
- 2,803'
- 2,990'
- 2,582'
- 2,203'

##### Trails

1. Bald Knob Cutoff
2. Bald Knob Trail
3. Black Snout Trail
4. Brook Walk
5. Cold Spring Trail
6. Faraway Mt. Connector Trail
7. Faraway Mtn. Trail
8. High Ridge Trail
9. Lower Bridle Path
10. Mt. Roberts Trail
11. Oak Ridge Cutoff
12. Oak Ridge Trail
13. Pond Trail
14. Settlement Trail
15. Shannon Brook Trail
16. Turtleback Mtn. Trail
17. Turtleback Summit Trail
18. Upper Bridle Path
19. Whitten Trail

##### Mileage (One-way)

- 1.0
- 0.75
- 1.7
- 0.8
- 1.3
- 0.5
- 2.9
- 5.3
- 1.0
- 2.5
- 1.0
- 1.2
- 0.5
- 1.0
- 1.4
- 5.3
- 0.5
- 0.75
- 0.2

## **Patch Procedures:**

1. Complete all 19 trails and reach all 5 summits listed on this application.
2. Fill out the application with the dates of the hikes, companions, and comments.
3. Submit the completed application along with a check for \$7.50 payable to LRCT to: LRCT, PO Box 766, Center Harbor, NH 03226

## **Trail/Hiking Information:**

In order to complete the Hiker Achievement Patch Program, you will need to obtain a Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area map showing the hiking trails. Only those trails that are completely within the LRCT property are included in the program. Maps are available for purchase at the LRCT office (see contact information below).

Parking is available in two locations—the Lower Trailhead Parking Area located on Route 171 just east of its intersection with Severance Road and the Upper Trailhead Parking Area located at the top of Ossipee Park Road to the right just beyond the small cemetery.

Please note: The mileages listed represent a one-way hike on each trail. For some routes, you will need to hike additional miles to reach the beginning of the trail, so be sure to consider this mileage in your planning; total distance will vary depending on which route you choose to access some trails.

This conservation area is bordered on several sides by land owned by other parties. Please respect the rights of these property owners and do not venture off the marked trails.

Portions of the Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area are remote, so hikers should be sufficiently prepared for these hikes and follow safety precautions appropriate for venturing into a wilderness area. You will need a map and compass or GPS and be able to use them. Always carry a whistle, flashlight, extra food, and water. Uncertain weather can develop at any time; you should wear seasonally appropriate clothing, dress in layers, and bring protection for rain or snow. Let others know where you are going and when you expect to return. Overnight camping is not allowed. Please carry out what you carry in.

**Be a smart, safe hiker and you will enjoy this wonderful conservation area!**

## **Lakes Region Conservation Trust Property:**

All of the trails and mountains that you are hiking are part of the 5,381-acre Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area acquired by the Lakes Region Conservation Trust in 2002 through the generosity of over 2,000 donors. Supported by the efforts of many dedicated and talented volunteers, LRCT stewards this landmark property and keeps it open to the public for thoughtful recreation free of charge.

The Lakes Region Conservation Trust is a non-profit organization supported entirely by contributions. If you would like more information about LRCT, the Castle in the Clouds Conservation Area, or other LRCT conserved properties and trails, please visit the LRCT website at [www.lrct.org](http://www.lrct.org) or contact LRCT by mail at PO Box 766, Center Harbor, NH 03226, by telephone at 603-253-3301, or by email at [lrct@lrct.org](mailto:lrct@lrct.org).





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### HIKER ACHIEVEMENT PATCH PROGRAM APPLICATION

5 Summits



19 Trails



30 Miles

Summit	Elevation	Date Completed	Companions/Comments (If more room is needed, please use other side.)
1. Bald Knob	1,801'		
2. Black Snout	2,803'		
3. Mt. Shaw	2,990'		
4. Mt. Roberts	2,582'		
5. Turtleback Mtn.	2,203'		
Trail	Mileage (One-way)	Date Completed	Companions/Comments (If more room is needed, please use other side.)
1. Bald Knob Cutoff	1.0		
2. Bald Knob Trail	0.75		
3. Black Snout Trail	1.7		
4. Brook Walk	0.8		
5. Cold Spring Trail	1.3		
6. Faraway Connector Trail	0.5		
7. Faraway Mtn. Trail	2.9		
8. High Ridge Trail	5.3		
9. Lower Bridle Path	1.0		
10. Mt. Roberts Trail	2.5		
11. Oak Ridge Cutoff	1.0		
12. Oak Ridge Trail	1.2		
13. Pond Trail	0.5		
14. Settlement Trail	1.0		
15. Shannon Brook Trail <i>(Please do not hike on the closed section of trail which is located between the Turtleback Mtn Tr. kiosk and Connector Tr.)</i>	<1.4		
16. Turtleback Mtn. Trail	5.3		
17. Turtleback Summit Trail	0.5		
18. Upper Bridle Path	0.75		
19. Whitten Trail	0.2		

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ LRCT MEMBER: Yes ( ) No ( )

Please send your completed application, along with a check for \$7.50 (\$6.00 – patch; \$1.50 – shipping and handling) payable to LRCT to: Lakes Region Conservation Trust, PO Box 766, Center Harbor, NH 03226-0766.