

BLACK CAP MOUNTAIN

ELEVATIONS

Black Cap Mountain: 2369 ft./722 m

Cranmore Mountain: 1690 ft./515 m

LOCATION: Green Hills, Town of Conway

USGS MAP: 7 ½' North Conway East

GEOGRAPHY

Black Cap Mtn. is a little mountain with a big view. It's the highest summit in the Green Hills, the range of low mountains on the E side of the Saco valley in North Conway. Set back on the NE end of the range, Black Cap is a broad-spreading mountain topped by a rounded summit with numerous exposed ledges of Conway granite. The views are nearly panoramic, with dozens of peaks visible, and the 1.1 mi. hike up from Hurricane Mtn. Rd. is easy, making this one of the "biggest bangs for the buck" in the Whites.

Black Cap is surrounded by lower Green Hills neighbors on several sides. To the N, beyond the gap through which Hurricane Mtn. Rd. passes, is 2100-ft. Hurricane Mtn. The trail to this peak was abandoned just a few years ago. Just N of W, at the end of a curving spur ridge off Black Cap, is the little bump of Cranmore Mtn. (1690 ft.), best known as the ski resort just outside of downtown North Conway. Its summit, with views from the tops of ski trails and lifts, can be reached via a trail off the Black Cap Trail, or by climbing the ski trails from the base area. Many bare ledges are visible on the W-facing ski slopes of Cranmore.

To the SW of Black Cap a spur ridge leads across to the line of sharp, ledgy peaks – Peaked, Middle and Rattlesnake Mtns. - that overlook the North Conway valley. (See chapter on Peaked and Middle Mtns.) Artist Brook drains a deep basin on the W side of Black Cap, enclosed by Cranmore on the N and Peaked on the S. When viewed from North Conway village, Black Cap appears aloof and remote behind its lower and nearer neighbors.



Approaching Black Cap summit on Black Cap Spur.

From Black Cap's summit a broad, high ridgecrest with two minor knobs extends S; from this ridge a spur runs SW over an intermediate knob to Peaked, Middle and Rattlesnake, as noted above, and

another extends SE towards East Conway. Between these ridges is the drainage of Mason Brook. On the E the mountain's slopes are very broad, descending to the low valley between Upper Kimball Pond and the Saco River. On the SE these slopes are drained by branches of White Lot Brook.

The summit and much of the S and E slopes of Black Cap are within the Green Hills Preserve, owned and managed by the Nature Conservancy. The N side of Black Cap is included in parcels owned by the Town of Conway and Conway State Forest. The summit and slopes of Cranmore are owned by a private ski resort. The slopes of Black Cap have been logged and burned in the past, and are now mostly covered with a forest of young hardwoods. There are several recent clearcuts on the NW slope. These woods took a beating from the 1998 ice storm. The very top of the mountain bears a darker crown of spruce and fir mixed in with the open ledges.

NOMENCLATURE

Black Cap, or Blackcap, as it was once spelled, was presumably named for the shock of dark conifer growth on its crown. Sweetser's guidebook also used the name "Blackhead." He also gave the name "Green Mt." to Black Cap's S spur, noting that it was "overspread with light green foliage."

The original name for Cranmore Mtn. was Lookout Mtn. When prominent financier and North Conway native Harvey Dow Gibson bought the mountain in 1937 for the purpose of building a ski area, he renamed it Mt. Cranmore. This name is still used by the ski area today, while the peak itself is most often referred to as Cranmore Mtn.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

1876: Moses Sweetser's guidebook states that Black Cap is "covered with trees, and is not valuable as a viewpoint." He suggests ascent route up ravine N of Peaked Mtn. and thence along Black Cap's outer ridges. According to Sweetser, Middle Mtn., and not Black Cap, is best vantage in the Green Hills. This would suggest that either Sweetser missed something (a rarity), or that a subsequent fire bared the summit.

1916: 2nd edition of *AMC Guide* notes that Black Cap can be reached by following road to pastures on height-of-land between Hurricane and Black Cap, then taking path to summit.

1922: Hurricane Mountain Road has been abandoned, is no longer passable for vehicles, but can be followed on foot. *AMC Guide* mentions Margaret Nichols Trail, which leads from Kearsarge village to top of Black Cap, avoiding the road. This path does not appear in subsequent editions.

1937: Financier Harvey Dow Gibson, a North Conway native, purchases Lookout Mtn. and renames it Mt. Cranmore. Slope is opened for skiing in winter 1937-38 with rope tow.

1938-1939: Unique skimobile lift is constructed to serve Cranmore ski slopes.

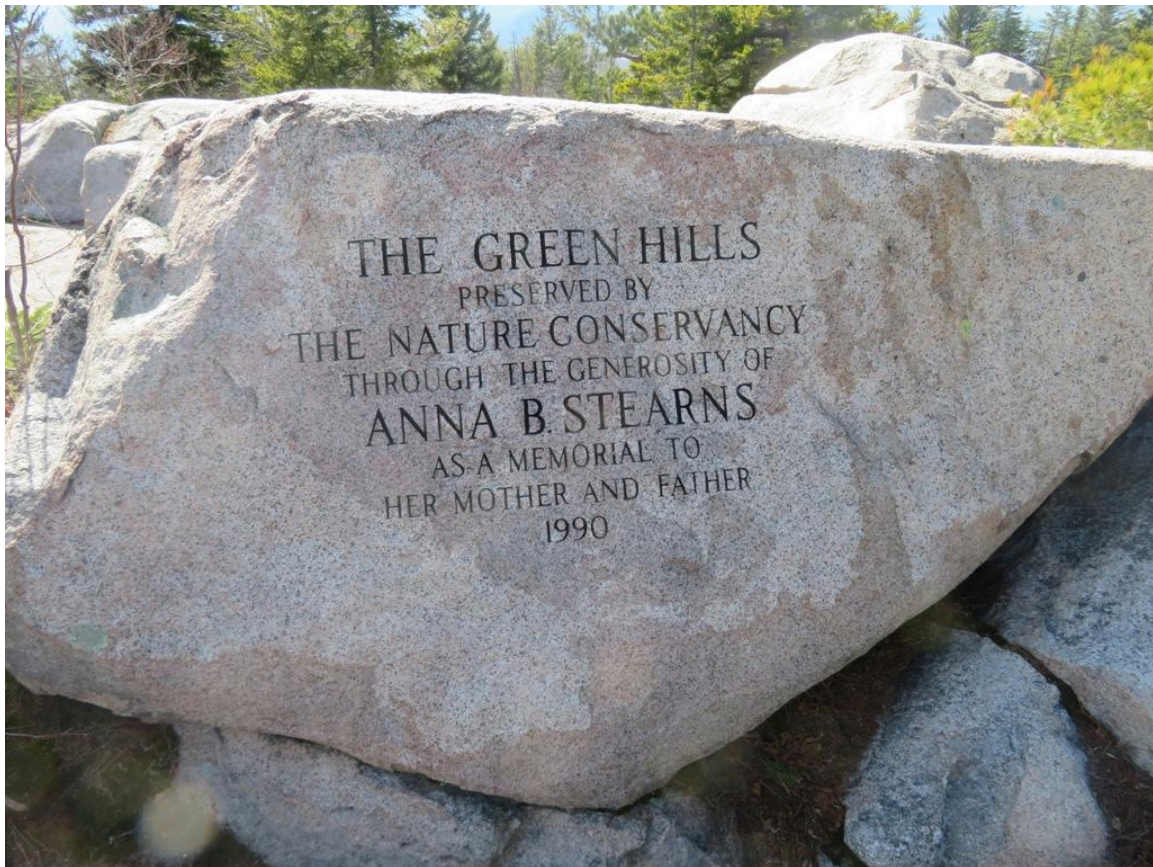
1939: Gibson negotiates release of famed skimeister Hannes Schneider from Nazi Germany and brings him to North Conway to run ski school at Cranmore.

1940: *AMC Guide* reports that Hurricane Mountain Road is now paved and maintained in excellent condition.

1952: *AMC Guide* notes trail leaving Black Cap path at base of ledges and leading to top of Cranmore skimobile.

1969: AMC guidebook mentions path leading from Hurricane Mtn. Rd. to summit of Hurricane.

1990: Nature Conservancy acquires 2,822 acres in Green Hills, including summit of Black Cap and slopes to S.



Summit memorial for the benefactor of the Green Hills.

Mid-1990s: Trail system is expanded in Green Hills Preserve. New Black Cap Connector ascends Black Cap Mtn. from Peaked Mtn. Trail to SW, providing longer, less used route to summit.

2002: Fire burns ca. 3 acres on Black Cap, is battled by 50 area firefighters before being contained.

2003: Path to Hurricane Mtn. has been abandoned and disappears from *AMC Guide*.

TRAIL APPROACHES

NORTH APPROACH from Hurricane Mountain Rd.

Black Cap Trail

2.2 mi. round trip, 650-ft. elevation gain

With loop descent via summit link path and Black Cap Connector

2.5 mi. round trip, 650-ft. elevation gain

For either option, add 2.4 mi. round trip, 500 ft. elevation gain (100 out, 400 back) for side trip to Cranmore Mtn.

TRAILHEAD (1700 ft.): Black Cap Trail starts from large parking area on S side of Hurricane Mtn. Rd., 3.8 mi. E of NH 16 at Intervale and just E of its high point in the col between Black Cap and Hurricane Mtns. The E end of Hurricane Mountain Rd. can be accessed from Green Hill Rd. in Chatham. Though paved, Hurricane Mountain Rd. is very steep, narrow and winding, and the upper part is closed in winter. In fact, one could say that the drive to the trailhead is more challenging than the hike to the summit.

The short and relatively easy trek from Hurricane Mountain Rd. is by far the more popular of the two routes up Black Cap. From parking area, wide, orange-blazed Black Cap Trail descends slightly and crosses partly logged spruce grove, and soon ascends at easy to moderate grade into ice-damaged hardwood forest. Pass Green Hills

Preserve kiosk on R at 0.5 mi./1900 ft., and at 0.7 mi./2000 ft. yellow-blazed Mt. Cranmore Trail diverges R. Black Cap Trail swings L at easy grade, then rises to junction where yellow-blazed Black Cap Connector splits R at 0.8 mi. Here Black Cap Trail forks L and climbs moderately, soon breaking out onto open granite ledges interspersed with patches of scrub. Follow blazes carefully as trail twists up through ledges. Views to W expand as you climb, and widest views on mountain are found from perches to L and R of trail at ca. 1.0 mi., before trail makes final short push to summit. Here panorama extends from Belknap and Ossipee Ranges to SSW around through W and N to Speckled Mtn. region to NNE. Trail swings R, then twice to L, passing short view loop on R (blazed in blue outlined with orange), then meanders up to flat, scrubby summit, where views are partly restricted but still good, including standup vista to S. Here blue/orange blazed side path leads 80 yds. L to what was once a view to E, now (2021) almost completely overgrown. On W side of summit is boulder inscribed in memory of Anna Stearns, whose generosity helped make Green Hills Preserve a reality.

Short loop can be made on descent by following unnamed link trail leading to Black Cap Connector down from summit on SW side. This wide, gravelly trail swings R and winds down through stunted birches to meet Black Cap Connector in 0.2 mi. (2250 ft.). Turn R here and follow yellow-blazed path at easy grade through more of these peculiar small birches, with partial views to L. Grade steepens somewhat in eroded section, with more partial views out to NW. Trail continues down at easy to moderate grade, swings R and levels, and

at 0.6 mi. from summit meets Black Cap Trail (2050 ft.). Bear L here for 0.8 mi. descent to trailhead.

Cranmore Trail: This yellow-blazed spur path diverges R from Black Cap Trail 0.7 mi. from Hurricane Mtn. Rd., at elevation of 2000 ft. It provides easy descent along wooded ridge, followed by slight climb to ski trails and lifts at summit of Cranmore Mtn. From Black Cap Trail it descends gradually along narrow footway through scrubby hardwoods, following westerly spur ridge of Black Cap. In 0.2 mi., Red Tail Trail, mountain bike route not recommended for summer hiking, diverges R at sign. Farther down, Cranmore Trail is almost level. At 0.9 mi. trail makes very short, steep climb, then descends moderately towards communications tower. About 100 ft. before reaching fenced tower enclosure, it turns L onto recently cut section, briefly contours along slope, then swings R and drops to gravel service road. Turn R on road, which soon makes hairpin turn L beside tower (which is on R). Road climbs moderately past smaller tower on R to ski trails and lifts around summit of Cranmore at 1.2 mi. from Black Cap Trail. Here there is open view E back to Black Cap and S across to Middle and Peaked Mtns. By exploring around top of ski trails you can find good distant views W and N.

Cranmore Mtn. can also be ascended or descended via ski trails, with good vistas W and NW. Some of ski trails feature open sloping ledges. Ascent from base area (550 ft.) to summit is ca. 1.0-1.5 mi., with 1140-ft. elevation gain.

SOUTHWEST APPROACH from Thompson Rd.

Peaked Mountain/Middle Mountain Trail, Black Cap Connector, Summit Link Path

9.0 mi. round trip, 2250 ft. elevation gain (including 200 ft. on return trip)

(Add 1.4 mi. round trip/700 ft. for side trip to Peaked Mtn. on Peaked Mountain Trail)

TRAILHEAD (530 ft.): The main access to the network of trails in the Green Hills Preserve is from a signed parking area for the Town of Conway's Pudding Pond Conservation Area on Thompson Rd. in North Conway. From NH 16 ca. 0.5 mi. S of the town center, turn E onto Artist's Falls Rd. (turn L if heading S, turn R if driving N). In 0.4 mi. turn R on Thompson Rd. and drive 0.3 mi. to parking area on R, just before road passes under powerline. Lot holds ~8 vehicles; as of 2021 roadside parking here was prohibited and subject to fine and towing. On fine days this lot is almost always full, so a backup hike should be in mind. Parking is also prohibited at the former trailhead at the end of Thompson Rd.

This approach from Thompson Rd. near downtown North Conway provides a much longer and very lightly used alternative to the standard route to Black Cap from Hurricane Mountain Rd., taking you on a leisurely woods ramble through the heart of the Green Hills Preserve. For an even more rewarding trek you can add a side trip to the summit of Peaked Mtn. From parking area on Thompson Rd., three trails – Peaked Mountain Trail, Middle Mountain Trail and Pudding Pond Trail – coincide, following level logging road S for 0.15 mi. to T-intersection by information kiosk, where Green Hills Preserve trail maps may be available. Turn L here on combined Peaked

Mountain/Middle Mountain Trails, here blazed in yellow. (Pudding Pond Trail bears to R from kiosk.) You soon cross powerline swath, pass through opening in snow fence, cross two small streams on planks, and meander gradually upward through hemlock and pine forest, then hardwoods. At 0.7 mi./700 ft. bear L with Peaked Mountain Trail and Black Cap Connector as Middle Mountain Trail diverges R. You ascend into Green Hills Preserve and ascend gradually northward across slope on good gravelly footway through young hardwoods, with several minor descents. Short climb leads to another trail junction at 1.2 mi./875 ft.

At this jct. blue-blazed Peaked Mountain Trail diverges R and uphill, while old route of that trail from end of Thompson Rd. comes up from L. Continue straight here on yellow-blazed Black Cap Connector, which soon swings R and up a short distance, then meanders at easy grades, crossing small brook. At 1.4 mi. it bears R onto well-worn old road (descending, bear L here off the road) and ascends easily up valley of Artist Brook through darker mixed woods. At 1.6 mi./1050 ft. Peaked Mountain Connector diverges R, climbing steeply for 0.1 mi. to Peaked Mountain Trail at base of first ledges on that trail, which then climbs another 0.6 mi. to Peaked's summit. Black Cap Connector continues ahead to SE up old road at easy to moderate grade, crossing a small brook and a wet area. At ca. 1400 ft. trail turns R, then L, then R again, ascending steadily to S behind Peaked Mtn. Footing becomes wet and eroded higher up. At 1650 ft. it swings L, climbs a short pitch, then wanders upward through oaks and occasional patches of red pine. Trail eases off at ca. 1780 ft. on broad, oak-wooded crest, with narrow, gravelly footway, then

descends through area of extensive oak blowdown gently to saddle, losing ca. 50 ft. of elevation. Short, easy climb leads to jct. with Mason Brook Snowmobile Trail, which comes in from sharp R at 2.8 mi./1775 ft. Wide, eroded gravelly pitch ascends 50 yds. to junction where relocated section of footpath diverges R off old road/snowmobile trail. This pleasant stretch of trail runs easily along slope, then turns L and climbs by switchbacks through ledge shelves. It runs level along top of ledgy slope, then swings L and meanders



Along the Black Cap Connector.

upward to rejoin old road/snowmobile trail. (Old road/snowmobile trail can also be followed as alternative; parts of this section are eroded. Distance is 0.3 mi. by either route.) Continue ahead here on wide,

sandy road, alternating gradual, winding uphill with level stretches through ledgy, oak-wooded terrain. Old road is eroded in places. Slight descent leads you across boggy, spruce-wooded saddle, followed by more easy climbing. Trail then makes another, more significant descent of ca. 60 ft., angling down to sharp 2130-ft. hardwood col with ledgy wall on N side. After another climb and dip, swing L at old AMC trail sign and climb washed-out pitch into stunted growth, reaching jct. with Black Cap Spur at 4.3 mi./2200 ft. Turn R here onto Black Cap Spur and wind up wide, eroded, gravelly footway through scrawny birches at moderate grade. Many wooden check steps have been placed here. Trail skirts to R of ledges, then swings L and up to ledgy partly open summit of Black Cap at 4.5 mi./2369 ft.; highest ledge is accessed by set of steps. Widest views are found from open ledges less than 0.1 mi. down Black Cap Trail, which descends NW from summit.

WINTER: Hurricane Mountain Rd. is plowed for just 2 mi. from NH 16, necessitating climb up the unplowed road on foot to access Black Cap Trail. No parking is available at gate; plowed parking is usually available on R. 0.1 mi. before gate, where side road leads to water tower. From here it is 1.9 mi. up unplowed road to trailhead; road and lower part of trail may be packed by snowmobiles. Round trip from parking area is 5.8 mi. with 1650-ft. elevation gain. Aggressive snowshoes or boot crampons may be required on upper ledges if crusty or icy. Loop descent can be made using Red Tail Trail (mountain bike route) off Cranmore Trail; this moderate trail

switchbacks down through open clearcuts with wide views NW and W. Bridge leads back to Hurricane Mtn. Rd. ca. 0.2 mi. above gate.

There is plowed parking at Thompson Rd. trailhead, and Black Cap Connector has nice easy grades for snowshoeing, but is heavily used by snowmobiles above the jct. with Mason Brook Snowmobile Trail.

VIEW GUIDE

The summit of Black Cap is a superb viewpoint with outstanding vistas of many White Mountain high peaks to the W and N, and somewhat less open prospects of lowland areas to the E and S. The best vantages from the SSW around through the W to the N are from various open ledges on the Black Cap Trail less than 0.1 mi. below the summit. From the summit itself there are partial views W and S. Thus you must move about to take in the full panorama. Best light for views of the western Whites is in the morning.

The main vista from the open ledges on Black Cap Trail begins on the far L (SSW) with the E end of the distant Belknap Range, including Mt. Major, the Quarry Mtns. and Mt. Klem. Next to the R and a bit closer is the broad spread of the Ossipee Range. Mt. Shaw is towards its L end, with the Nickerson Mtns. and part of Silver Lake in front on the L. Mt. Flagg, an eastern spur, is on the L of Shaw, with Belknap Mtn. peering over on its L. Faraway Mtn. and Black Snout rise along the Ossipee Range to the R of Shaw, with Bald Mtn. in front and nearby Middle Mtn. beneath; Rattlesnake Mtn. juts out from the L side of Middle. Seen through a wide gap to the R of the Ossipees is the long, two-part ridge of Red Hill; the summit is on the

higher ridge on the R. Far-off Mt. Kearsarge pokes above the L ridge of Red Hill, and Ragged Mtn. and Mt. Sunapee are visible over the R slope of the main summit. To the R of Red Hill and much closer is the rugged rocky crest of Mt. Chocorua, with White Ledge seen in front of Chocorua's long S ridge on the L. Off the L slope of Bald Mtn., at the lower end of Chocorua's S ridge, is Bristol Peak near Newfound Lake. Peaked Mtn. is seen close at hand in the direction of Chocorua. Mt. Paugus is seen behind Chocorua on the R, and farther R are Mts. Whiteface and Passaconaway. The latter is seen just to the L of the summit of South Moat, which anchors the L end of the picturesque Moat Range. The Moats are nicely framed by the basin of Artist Brook and are seen just S of W beyond the broad fields of the Saco valley. East Sleeper is seen in back just R of Passaconaway and South Moat, with West Sleeper peering over a bit farther R. South and Middle Tripyramid poke above Middle Moat, and North Tripyramid is framed by the saddle between Middle Moat and Red Ridge. Scaur Peak (L) and Mt. Tecumseh (R) peek over the L side of Red Ridge. North Moat rises at the R end of the range, with Big Attitash Mtn. behind on the R. A long ridge extends R from Big Attitash down over Little Attitash Mtn. and eventually descends to Humphreys Ledge. White Horse Ledge (L) and Cathedral Ledge (R) are seen down in the valley in front of the Attitashes and above nearby Cranmore Mtn. and its wide ski slope. Several peaks are seen in the distance above the Attitash ridge. Mt. Tremont's rounded



Northwest view to high peaks from Black Cap.

summits are seen between Big and Little Attitash, with part of Mt. Huntington behind on its L. Mt. Hancock, with four distinct peaks visible, is above Little Attitash, and to its R is the great bulk of Mt. Carrigain. Vose Spur and Mt. Lowell are immediately to the R of Carrigain and lower, and continuing to the R Mt. Lincoln with its slide gash is over Mt. Anderson; Mt. Lafayette is seen above the wide saddle that holds Nancy and Norcross Ponds, with Mt. Nancy to the R; and lowly Mt. Hope is seen below Nancy. Bondcliff is visible under Lafayette. Mt. Bemis is just to the R of Nancy, with Mt. Bond rising in back between them. To the R of and behind Bemis the Twin Range continues across over Mt. Guyot, South Twin and North Twin. The

wooded summit of Zealand Mtn. is seen under South Twin. Closer in and lower, but above the Humphreys Ledge ridge, Mts. Stanton, Pickering and Langdon can be seen between Guyot and South Twin. Mt. Parker is under the South Twin-North Twin col, and the rock nub of Mt. Crawford pokes up beneath slide-scarred North Twin.

Farther R are broad Mt. Resolution, with Mt. Willey above, and Stairs Mtn. with Mt. Field seen through Stairs Col. The tip of Mt. Tom peeps over the R slope of Stairs. Next to the R are Mts. Webster and Jackson, seen above the dark mass of Iron Mtn. Farther R, Mt. Pierce's rounded swell rises above the long crest of Mt. Davis, and Mt. Eisenhower's dome is seen above Mt. Isolation, with little Popple Mtn. low down beneath. The Presidentials continue to the R, with Mt. Monroe, Boott Spur, Mt. Washington and Huntington Ravine seen over nearby Bartlett Mtn. Mt. Adams, Wildcat E and D, Mt. Madison and Wildcat C are all seen over the saddle between Bartlett Mtn. on the L and the majestic wooded dome of Kearsarge North on the R, which rises just 4 mi. away and dominates the northern view from Black Cap. Wooded Hurricane Mtn. is seen in front of and below Kearsarge on the R.

Mt. Lethe and North Carter are seen over the R slope of Kearsarge, and from the actual summit of Black Cap, Middle Carter can be seen as well. A lower range extends R from Kearsarge, including (L to R) Rickers Knoll, ledgy South Gemini and Mt. Shaw. Mt. Meader just peers over the R slope of Shaw. Above and behind these peaks is the Baldface Range, including (L to R) Chandler Mtn., Sable Mtn (over



View north to Kearsrage North and Evans Notch area.

Rickers Knoll), North Baldface and barren South Baldface. The summit of Mt. Moriah pokes up between Chandler and Sable. The two summits of Eastman Mtn. just peek over Mt. Shaw. Next to the R are West and East Royce, with Mt. Carlo (L) and Goose Eye Mtn. (R) over the L slope of West Royce and Old Speck seen through the col between the Royces. The lower peak of Slope Mtn. is seen below West Royce. To the R of the Royces, Baldpate Mtn. is seen in back over the ridges of the eastern Mahoosucs, between Bear Mtn. (L) and its eastern spur (R). Sunday River Whitecap peeks over the R end of the eastern spur. Next to the R is sprawling, rounded Speckled Mtn., seen over the nearer crest of Robbins Ridge/Major Mtn. The spurs of

Spruce Hill (L) and Ames Mtn. (R) are on the L side of Speckled, with Wheeler Mtn. seen between them. Puzzle Mtn. is seen in the distance over the col to the R of Speckled, and from here the Speckled range continues to the R over the low, undulating crests of Butters Mtn., Red Rock Mtn. (showing its red-tinted cliff), Miles Knob and Peter Mtn. More distant peaks visible include Saddleback and The Horn over the R end of Butters, the E spur of Puzzle through the Butters-Red Rock col, a high peak in the Rangeley area (perhaps Sugarloaf Mtn.) just R of the Red Rock cliff, and the Jackson Mtn. group near Weld, ME over Miles Knob and the L end of the Peter Mtn. ridge. The summit of Mt. Abraham is to the R of the Jacksons and farther away, with Abraham's middle and S peaks extending out to the R. Black Mtn., near Rumford, ME, is visible to the R of Abraham's summit and closer.

For views from NE through E and S, you must wander out to ledges around the rim of the flat summit. The best E view is at the end of an 80-yd. blue-and-orange blazed side path (marked "ME" on the rock at the start); it's a stand-up vista looking over the scrub. On the far L is the Butters Mtn.-Red Rock Mtn.-Miles Knob-Peter Mtn. ridge as described above. To the R of Peter Mtn. are Albany Notch and Albany Mtn. in the easternmost piece of the WMNF. Spruce Mtn. near Weld, ME is seen beyond Albany Notch. To the R of Albany Mtn. the pyramid of Mt. Blue near Weld, ME rises in the distance. Farther R, looking NE, are numerous distant low ridges in the Rumford, ME area (including Mt. Zircon, Saddleback Wind and Bald, and Speckled and Black Mtns.), with Lower and Upper Kimball Ponds and Lower Bay of Kezar Lake sparkling on the intervening lowlands. On the horizon

over the R end of the Kimball Ponds is Maine's little Mt. Tom. Farther R Streaked Mtn.'s long ridge is prominent on the horizon. To the R of Streaked and closer is Kezar Pond, and on the far R of this vista, looking just S of E, is the broad spread of Pleasant Mtn., 12 mi. away.

From ledges nearly at the summit, you can obtain a standup view to the S. Most prominent is Conway Lake, almost due S, with the double summit of Green Mtn. directly above the lake on the skyline. To the R of Green and more distant are the Moose Mtns. (over the long W ridge of Green) and Copple Crown Mtn. Lyman and Rockhouse Mtns. in Madison and Eaton are to the R of Copple Crown and closer, with Mt. Bet sticking up over other ridges on the horizon. To the L of Conway Lake are various low ridges along the ME/NH border, including Cragged Mtn. and Whale's Back, with distant Ossipee Hill on the horizon farther to the L. The view SE towards the Burnt Meadow Mtns. and other low ridges in SW Maine is mostly obstructed by scrub.

Cranmore Mtn. Views: Views E and S to the nearby higher peaks of the Green Hills – Black Cap, Middle and Peaked – are found atop the ski trails on the SE side of the summit area. The wide spread of Black Cap takes up most of this vista.

The deck of the Meister Hut and open ledges in front offer a good view to the SW and W, including Red Hill, Mt. Chocorua with White Ledge in front, and the long crest of the Moats seen across the Saco River/North Conway valley, with White Horse and Cathedral Ledges well-displayed at their base. To the WNW can be seen the top of Mt. Tremont, Little Attitash Mtn. and Mt. Carrigain.

From the tops of the ski trails that descend from the summit, there are good views to the W and NW, though lift towers and cables obstruct parts of the panorama. Additional peaks visible here include (L to R) Mts. Lowell and Anderson, Mt. Lafayette with Bondcliff below, Mts. Nancy and Bemis with Mt. Bond between them, Mt. Guyot, South Twin with Mts. Langdon, Pickering and Stanton below, half of North Twin, Mt. Parker, Mt. Resolution, Giant Stairs, Mt. Webster, Mt. Jackson above Iron Mtn., Mt. Pierce over the S half of Mt. Davis, Mt. Eisenhower above Mt. isolation, Mts. Franklin and Monroe, Mt. Washington, Thorn Mtn. under Huntington Ravine, Mt. Adams, Wildcats E & D, and the tip of Mt. Madison.