

# HFMH, Mt Washington 2022 Trail Guide

Trails	Map Markers	Trail Markers
Old Jewell Trail <i>(no official name)</i>	<b>1 2</b>	Blue blazes <sup>i</sup>
Jewell Trail	<b>2 3</b>	Blue blazes
Gulfside Trail	<b>3 4 5 6</b>	White blazes Cairns <sup>ii</sup>
Trinity Heights Connector	<b>6 7</b>	White blazes Cairns

**Old Jewell Trail** starts behind the Cog Base Station building. Cross over the tracks at the sign, and then descend to the river. Go across the river, and then ascend for 0.4 miles. This trail ends at the junction with **Jewell Trail**. There is old sign here pointing to the trail to the base station that you just came up. Take a few steps, and then turn around and look at the sign and the trail so that you remember this turn on the way back. *(If you miss it on the way back and continue down the Jewell Trail, it will end on the Cog Road and you can get back that way, but you will add almost 2 miles to your journey).*

**Jewell Trail** "... joining the **old route of the trail** at 1.0 mi. The old path (sign) can be followed right 0.4 mi to the Base Station. From the junction the main trail descends slightly to Clay Brook, crosses on a footbridge, then climbs northeast by long switchbacks. At 2.0 mi., it passes through a blowdown patch at the edge of the steep wall of Burt Ravine, where there are interesting though limited views. It then swings somewhat to the north side of the ridge and climbs east, staying well below the ridge crest until near the treeline. Reaching treeline at about 3.0 mi., it zigzags as a moderate grade with rough, rocky footing up the ridge crest, which quickly becomes less prominent and blends into the slope of Mt. Clay. At 3.5 mi., the trail swings to the right away from what remains of the ridge and angles up the slope at an easy grade to the **Gulfside trail**. For Mt. Washington, follow the **Gulfside** right." [AMCWGMG pg 145]

**@2**, look behind you and remember this turn.

**@4** you may see people crossing the tracks. Do not follow them – they are walking the Westside trail. You will parallel the Cog rails for about 0.5 miles

## Leave No Trace

Please pick up your wrappers and litter. Leave the trail nice for the hikers behind you.

## Stay On The Trail

This is easy below tree-line, but important above it too. The lichen grows slowly and is damaged by your boots. Try to walk where the lichen has already been scuffed off.

**1 Gulfside Trail** "The Gulfside continues its moderate ascent, and the **Jewell Trail** from the Cog Railway Base Rd. enters from the right at 4.6 mi. ... The path continues southeast, rising gradually on Mt Washington. About 0.1 mi. above the col, the **Westside Trail** branches right, crossing under the Cog Railway, ... The Gulfside continues southeast between the Cog Railway on the right and the edge of the gulf on the left. If the path is lost, the railway can be followed to the summit. At the extreme south corner of the gulf, the **Great Gulf Trail** joins the Gulfside from the left... Here the Gulfside turns sharp right, crosses the railroad, and continues south to the plateau just west of the summit. Here it passes a junction with **Trinity Heights Connector**, a link in the AT, which branches left and climbs for 0.2 mi. to the true **summit of Mt Washington.**" [AMCWGMG pg 89]

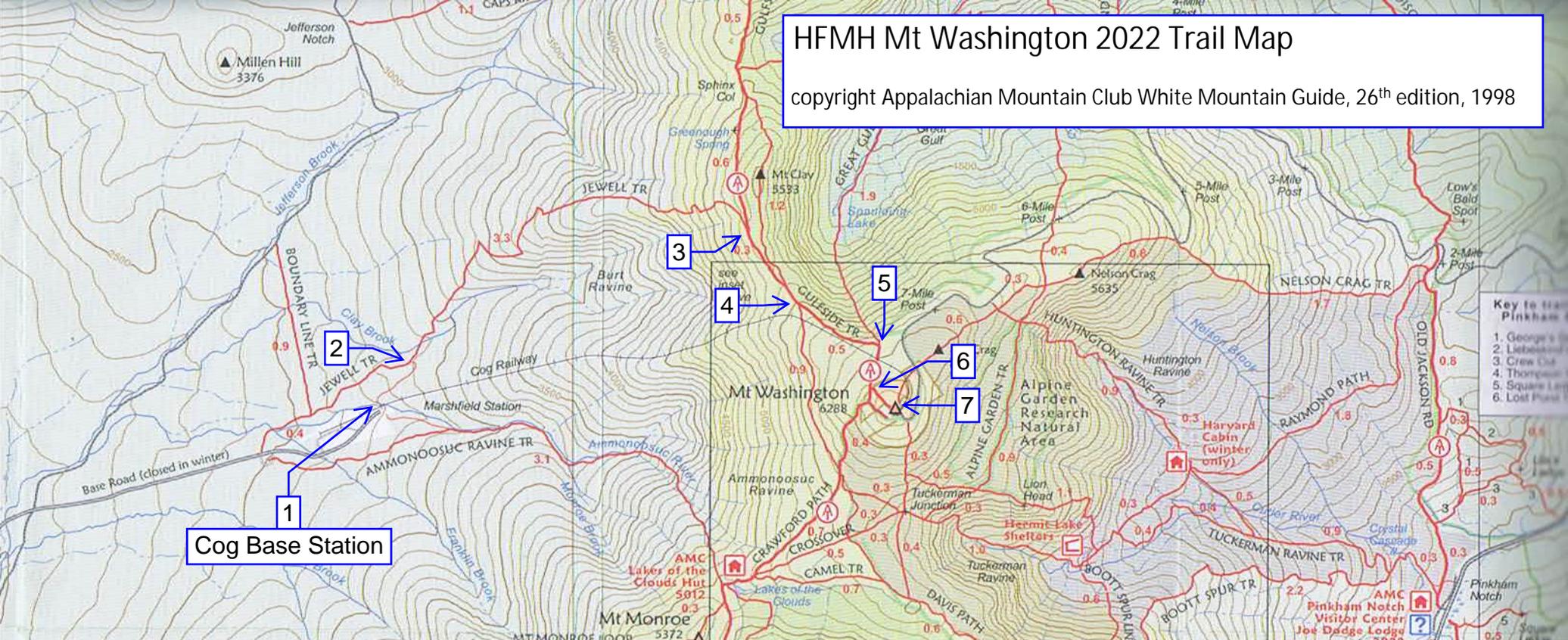
**3 Trinity Height Connector** "From the true summit (marked by a large sign), the path runs approximately northwest over the rocks to the Gulfside Trail less than 0.1 mi. to the north of its junction with the Crawford Path." [AMCWGMG pg 35]

<sup>i</sup> A "blaze" is a rectangular stroke of paint on a rock or tree. White blazes here indicate the AT (a path that is part of the Appalachian Trail). Blue blazes are used for other trails.

<sup>ii</sup> A "cairn" is a large pile of rocks. These are used above tree-line to show the path in addition to the blazes, (since snow would cover blazes in the winter).

# HFMH Mt Washington 2022 Trail Map

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1.	George's
2.	Liebestuhl
3.	Crosscut
4.	Thompson
5.	Square Limb
6.	Lost Peak

## Inset of Mt Washington summit area

